WEATHER FORECASTS

Victoria and Vicinity—Strong winds or gales, mostly easterly and southerly, unsettled and mild, with rain.

Lower Mainland—Strong easterly winds or gales, unsettled and mild, with rain.

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PROPOSE TO OCCUPY PORTIONS OF RUSSIA

Suggestion Put Forward by German and Austrian Delegates at Brest-Litovsk Said to Have Caused Consternation at Bolsheviki Headquarters—Pressure on Entente Is Aim

COUNTRY IS NOW DECLARED TO BE VIRTUALLY BANKRUPT

Government Has No Income and Is Reduced to Issue of Paper Money—Workmen's and Soldiers' Executive Decrees State Banking Monopoly and Seizure of Gold

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Petrograd correspondent of The Times describes the effect upon the Bolsheviki authorities of the rumored proposal of the German and Austrian delegates to the Brest-Litovsk conference that in a certain contingency various strategic points in Russian territory should be occupied by the Central Powers.

According to rumors, it had been proposed by the representatives of Germany and Austria that, pending the resumption of the negotiations, Russia should mediate between the Central Powers and the Entente Allies with a view to bringing about a general peace. Should the attempt fail, the occupation of the several strategic points by the Central Powers was proposed, so that pressure might be brought upon the Entente. The proposal, says the correspondent, caused consternation at the Smolny Institute, the Bolsheviki headquarters.

Dr. von Kuehlmann, the German Foreign Secretary, is reported as having replied to the Russian complaint regarding the refusal of passports to German minority Socialists by stating that he did not see any hindrance to peace in preventing communication between the Russian and German Socialists.

Country Bankrupt

Reports of fighting and other military activities in interior Russia continue numerous, but they are so contradictory that it is impossible to get at the truth of the situation. The Morning Post's Petrograd correspondent quotes from the newspapers there the report of the finance commissary on the financial condition of Russia, in which it is stated that all sources of the state's income have been cut off. It shows the railroads entirely occupied with moving troops and members of the Red Guard, who travel free, there being, therefore, no receipts from passenger traffic.

The correspondent says the only resource of the state is the printing of paper money, and that the Government is bankrupt.

A field headquarters communique issued after a long interval mentions only the Western and Southwestern fronts. It ignores the Northern front, but indicates that there is still a Russian front in existence along about two-thirds the length of the Russian lines.

Holding Northern Front

The semi-official Russian News Agency reports a general meeting of representatives of the Petrograd garrison to examine the international situation. Leon Trotzky, the Bolsheviki Foreign Minister, is quoted as declaring to the assemblage that as peace had not yet been concluded the front ought to be maintained intact, and the Petrograd garrison ought to participate in holding it. The representatives of the garrison, says the Agency dispatch, voted in favor of sending detachments to points where they were needed.

Recess for Negotiations

PETROGRAD, Dec. 28.—The delegates of the Central Powers to the peace conference at Brest-Litovsk have agreed to a ten day recess at the peace negotiations, which will be resumed January 4 at a place not yet determined.

Leon Trotzky, the Bolsheviki Foreign Minister, is reported to be drawing a new note to the Entente Allied Embassies, again asking them to participate in the peace conference.

State Monopoly in Banking

LONDON, Dec. 28.—A Petrograd dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company today says that the central executive of the Workmen's and Soldiers' Delegates has approved the proposed decree of the commissioners nationalizing private banks, under which banking will become a state monopoly. The state bank will take over and amalgamate all private banks.

The executive also issued a decree empowering the authorities to examine the safes of depositors in the depositors' presence. Gold coin and bullion in safes will be confiscated, and depositors resisting the decree will be liable to forfeit the contents of their safes. Savings of the middle classes are safeguarded.

ONLY OPENING GUN IN PEACE CAMPAIGN

LONDON, Dec. 28.—That the Austro-German peace proposals to Russia are only the opening gun in an elaborate peace campaign by the Central Powers is the belief here.

It is likely that the next step by Germany, according to well informed London opinion, will be a direct proposal to the Allies, either through the Vatican or through a neutral power.

Neither in London or Paris is there a disposition to deride the German offer as spurious. On the other hand, it is regarded as a serious step by the Teutonic group, which regards an early peace as the surest and perhaps the only method of avoiding disaster.

BHAGWAN SINGH HAS B.C. RECORD

One of East Indian Coterie Now on Trial at San Francisco Remembered for His Operations at Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, B.C., Dec. 28.—Bhagwan Singh, the East Indian now on trial with a number of his fellow countrymen, including Ram Chandra, at San Francisco, on a charge of plotting the overthrow of British rule in India, is the same Bhagwan Singh whose deportation from British Columbia in 1913 was the signal for the disaffection in the Vancouver Hindu colony, which, before quiet had been restored, resulted in the death of eight persons, including Immigration Inspector W. A. Hopkinson.

Before his arrival in Vancouver but little was known of Bhagwan Singh. He came to this city in the guise of a Sikh priest, but his teachings were those of sedition. At the first public meeting at which Singh took part, Inspector Hopkinson, who spoke a dozen different Indian dialects with the perfection of a native, was present in disguise, and his attention was instantly drawn to the imposing figure who stood in the assembly and opened a tirade against the British. Gifted with powers of oratory, Bhagwan swayed the audience to his will. In him Hopkinson saw a menacing figure and instantly commenced an investigation as to the manner in which the priest had gained entry to Canada. In this he found something irregular, and as a result deportation proceedings were instituted in the courts.

The ponderous machinery of justice did not move quickly enough for the immigration officers, so one day, at Victoria, the officers of the department swooped down on Bhagwan Singh and carried him on board of an outgoing transpacific liner.

While the priest was thus forcibly ejected from Canada, his influence did not cease with his departure, for he maintained communication with his friends in this country.

Bhagwan Singh, on reaching the Orient, made his way to Manila, and from that port, it is said, he came to the United States, and was soon heard of in the lumber regions of the State of Washington, where under an assumed name he is said to have continued his teachings. He maintained communication with his adherents and friends in British Columbia, and it is suspected that his influence was felt in the trouble which followed the departure of the Komagata Maru, the Japanese vessel which brought 374 East Indians to this port in 1914, seeking entrance contrary to the immigration laws.

Bhagwan was strongly supported in his attitudes and doctrines by the Ghadar, a publication issued in San Francisco, and with which he is now said to be connected.

San Francisco for years has been the headquarters of the Indian seditionists on the Pacific Coast. Several times the late Inspector Hopkinson went to the Golden Gate in an effort to learn the movements of the leaders in the anti-British movement. On one occasion his life was attempted, and so nearly was the assassination successful that those who had planned his death telegraphed to this city that he had been killed. Hopkinson was passing through a San Francisco lane behind the chief Indian newspaper of that day when a shot was fired at him. He dropped, as if mortally wounded, and his assailant turned and fled, reporting to his employers that he had accomplished his mission.

An attempt had been made prior to this, a white thug being employed. His clumsy treachery was easily frustrated by the inspector. Hopkinson finally met his death, however, at the hands of Mewa Singhi who, on the morning of October 21, 1914, shot the official in the corridor of the Supreme Court in this city.

CLOAK OF ICE COVERS COUNTRY

Disastrous Effects of Sleet Storm That Raged Through Fraser Valley—Wires, Poles and Trees Prostrated.

RAILWAY TRAFFIC IS BADLY TIED UP

Telegraph and Telephone Communication Out of Vancouver Is Almost Completely Broken—Orchards Suffer.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 28.—One direct wire to Seattle via Victoria and Port Angeles was all that connected Vancouver with the outside world today, either by telephone or telegraph, as a result of the sleet storm that began in the Fraser Valley on Wednesday night, and, generally speaking, all the wires, C. P. R., Great Northern, B. C. Electric and British Columbia Telephone, to the south and east of Vancouver, are today in a snarl, the like of which has never been seen since wires were strung in British Columbia.

Just when, on Thursday afternoon, the companies affected had so far dealt with the effects of the first blow that they were in measurable distance of resuming service, the weather took another bad turn, and freezing sleet began to fall again, in a belt extending roughly from Agassiz to Ruskin on the north bank of the Fraser, and running down through Chilliwack and Sumas districts and as far as Ferndale, Washington. The result was that much of the work done on Thursday was undone this morning by the second attack of the storm king, which was worse than the first, and as far as could be ascertained this evening sleet was still falling and conditions were getting worse.

Worst on Record

That the storm is the worst ever experienced on the Lower Mainland is the unanimous verdict. Mission was apparently the centre of the storm, but Thursday night and yesterday morning Sumas district, including Abbotsford, Huntingdon, Vedder Mountain and all the valley right down to the international boundary and beyond lay under a sheet of ice from three to five inches thick, and at last reports the situation was growing more serious.

In Mission ice coats everything, buildings, streets and trees, and the residents have given up hope of light or telephone for weeks. From Ruskin to Agassiz thousands of fruit trees lie broken and shattered on the ground; raspberry canes, for which the district is famed, are flattened, and their supports have gone down in the general ruin. Farmers were making efforts to save what few fruit trees were still standing.

Crashes when poles and big trees came down were frequent, and an extra spectacular crash came yesterday morning at Mission about 10 o'clock, when a big steel tower carrying high tension wires of the Western Canada Power Co. gave way under the weight of the ice.

Telephone company officials hope for the best in connection with the steel wire span, 1,200 feet long, over the Fraser near Agassiz, which was replaced after being broken in the storm of a week and a half ago, but fear the worst.

Railways Blocked

On the south bank of the Fraser conditions are said to be even worse. On Thursday night the B. C. Electric interurban line was open as far as Abbotsford, but yesterday morning another six miles went out of commission, and trains were only able to proceed as far as Coghlan. The Canadian Northern has no wires between Port Mann and Chilliwack, while the Pacific Telephone Co. has lost all its wires between Blaine and Bellingham with the exception of three or four miles at each end. Of the municipalities of Chilliwack, Sumas Matsqui and Langley, the only part to escape was sections of Langley Prairie, around Murrayville, Milner and Langley Prairie. Otter and Aldergrove suffered worst.

B. C. Telephone Company officials would not hazard an estimate of the damage done to their system, pointing out that they themselves had very little exact information, but that there was no doubt that things were in bad shape.

The Great Northern lost all wires on the line to Hope via Abbotsford, and local officials were unable to say what was happening as far as their roadbed was concerned.

The Canadian Northern moved no trains yesterday, the transcontinental being held over, but gangs are hard at work on the line between Chilliwack and Port Mann, and it is hoped to have

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ALLIES MUST ACHIEVE PURPOSES BEFORE PEACE CAN BE REACHED

Premier Lloyd George Sets Forth Situation in Letter to Special National Labor Conference —Fresh Joint Declaration by Entente Is Constantly Kept in View

STATEMENT IS REGARDED AS REPLY TO PEACE OFFER

Conference Adopts Pronunciamento Declaring That Labor, in Favoring Continuation of War, Is Determined to Make World Safe for Democracy—Amendment Rejected

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Premier Lloyd George, in a letter which he sent today to the special National Labor Conference, declared:

"Achievement of the purposes for which the Allies are fighting is essential to the future freedom and peace of mankind.

The Premier also asserted that a statement on war aims could be made only in agreement with Great Britain's Allies. The question of issuing a fresh joint declaration, he added, was being constantly kept in view by the Entente Allied Governments.

The Premier's statement is regarded as the British reply to the German peace offer.

Labor Pronunciamento

The Labor Conference was convened here today by the Parliamentary Committee of the Trades Union Congress and the Executive of the Labor Party, in the Central Hall at Westminster, to consider a "Memorandum on War Aims." A pronunciamento was adopted, with a virtually unanimous show of hands, declaring that in continuing the war, Labor is actuated by a determination to make he world safe for democracy hereafter. No sympathy was expressed in the text of the statement with attempts to convert the war ino one of conquest, but it insisted that restitution and reparation, and also certain territorial readjustments are necessary if the renewal of armaments and war is to be avoided.

Adoption of the memorandum is considered especially significant, in view of the peace negotiations between Germany and Russia.

The statement placed at the forefront a demand for the restoration and rehabilitation of Belgium at the expense of Germany. It also dealt with Alsace-Lorraine, Italy, the Balkans, Poland, Turkey and German African colonies on lines similar to those suggested in earlier documents on these subjects.

The original memorandum was discussed and adopted early in August at a special conference of the Labor party, and was a sequel to the abortive Stockholm conference of last Summer. Its terms have since been considerably amended by various subcommittees, but the main features had been retained in the memorandum discussed today.

Same Ideals Held

Mr. Lloyd George's letter said that to his mind, "the ideals for which we are fighting today are precisely those for which the British Empire entered the war."

"We accepted the challenge thrown down by Prussia," the letter continued, "in order to free the world once and for all from the intolerable menace of militaristic civilization and to make possible a lasting peace by restoring the liberty of oppressed nationalities and by enforcing respect for those laws and treaties which are the protection of all nations, whether great or small."

The Premier concluded that he was never more convinced that the purposes for which the Allies were continuing the war were not Imperialistic or vindictive, but that their achievement was essential to the future freedom and peace of mankind.

Joseph Havelock Wilson, president of the International Seamen's Union, characterized the memorandum as the most contradictory document he ever had seen presented to a trades union congress.

Germans Must Be Convinced

"Until we have made the German nation feel that it has made a grievous mistake and it has repented of its crimes and foul murders, our aims should be to carry on the war," said Mr. Wilson.

James Henry Thomas, assistant general secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Railroad Servants, said that when peace was discussed it must be a world peace. He added that if Germany did not agree to labor's war aims labor must fight on to secure what labor believed to be right.

An attempt to amend the motion to consider the memorandum was made by Stephen Walsh, Parliamentary Secretary of the Local Government Board and Labor member of Parliament. Mr. Walsh contended that as many branches of the national labor movement had not had an opportunity to consider the memorandum, further discussion of it should be adjourned for a month.

The proposed amendment was rejected.

TROOPS TRANSPORTED IN RECORD TIME

Lieut.-Col. McMillan Tells Vancouver Transportation Club How Things Are Done in France

VANCOUVER, Dec. 28.—The members of the Transportation Club were entertained today by an address by Lieut.-Col. McMillan, of the famous 7th British Columbia Battalion, with a description of the transportation of a division of troops from their camp in England to the front line trenches.

He told of how half a battalion was on one occasion disembarked from a steamer in the record time of nineteen minutes, and described the wonderful system of keeping the men supplied with food and all necessities while in the trenches.

Part of the present state of perfection in the transport in France Col. McMillan ascribed to the work done by the Canadian Railway Construction Corps in connecting up broken lines under the efficient leadership of General J. W. Stewart.

SHOW DECEPTION OF PEACE EFFORT

Paris Newspapers Expose the Scheme of Teutons in Making Use of Bolsheviki Machinery Against Entente.

PARIS, Dec. 28.—The Austro-German peace offensive is freely commented upon by the Paris press. All the newspapers realize its gravity, and all present a strong front.

"In reality," says L'Homme Libre, "the Germans seek through the Russian delegates to influence the Entente by means of attractive words, such as 'Democratic peace.' They content themselves with opening pourparlers on particular and profitable points without the faintest intention of honoring their signature when it ceases to be their interest to do so."

"The Germans," says M. Therry in L'Oeuvre, "are conducting a diplomatic action with the same cleverness and energy as they have done in a military sense. Meanwhile the Entente diplomats have not yet succeeded clearly in stating their war aims. Will they now realize the necessity of revising, and, in view of the Russian defection, of restating their general programme? We have reached the hour when it is not enough to cry, 'To the very end.' It is time to know what that end is and to show it."

Gustave Herve, Director of Victoire, writes: "Let our soldiers in the trenches remember this prophecy: 'Today the Germans, urged on by the Austrians, who are at the end of their resources, offer us a German peace. In six months they will beg of us a French peace.'"

WEATHER IS SEVERE IN SOUTHERN FRANCE

PARIS, Dec. 28.—The exceptional cold which has prevailed in Northern and Central France during the last ten days has now extended to Southern France. Snow has made its appearance at Pau, Toulouse, Narbonne and other points where the Winter usually is mild and sunny.

At Saint Flour, which stands at an elevation of 3,000 feet above the sea, the thermometer has fallen to five degrees below zero, Fahrenheit.

In the Drome department snow has stopped telegraphic communication, and many places are isolated. Streams in the Eastern Pyrenees are in full flood, and a tempest rages at sea.

LULU ISLAND FARMERS GRANTED EXEMPTION

Two Appeals From Tribunals Are Allowed by Mr. Justice Morrison—Decisions in Reserved Cases

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 28.—Mr. Justice Morrison has allowed the appeals of two Lulu Island farmers against the finding of the exemption tribunals ordering them to report for service. One of these is G. A. Grauer, who is cultivating 200 acres of farm land, and it was claimed that it would be extremely difficult to replace him with a farm manager, while other conditions were also urged in his behalf.

The son of J. A. Tait, who operates another large farm, was the other successful applicant, the father holding that he has special knowledge of the farm and its machinery, which made him indispensable. Mr. Justice Morrison regarded the cases as in line with those already decided by the central judge. The military representatives may appeal.

Mr. Justice Macdonald has handed down the following reserved decisions: B. N. Conroy, F. Carrasco, and R. W. Hunter taken out of Class 2 and placed in Class 1 on appeal of military representatives. P. Dixon taken from Class 4 to Class 1; A. W. Dixon given until May 1; Malcolm Morrison, disallowed; W. K. Ward and R. W. Ginn, given until April 1, with leave to apply again, on domestic grounds.

ALASKA TO BE NAME OF COUGHLAN VESSEL

Launching of First Steel Freighter Constructed at Yard in Vancouver Takes Place Next Month

VANCOUVER, Dec. 28.—Messrs. John Coughlan and Sons announced today that the name of the first of the 3,800-ton steel freighters to be completed at their yards, which is expected to be ready for launching by the middle of January, would be "Alaska" and that the vessel would be christened by Mrs. Thomas H. Kelderup, wife of the Norwegian Consul at Seattle. The vessel was ordered in the first place by Norwegian interests, but was commandeered by the Imperial Government and then turned over to the original owners on licence. She will bear Norwegian registry. She will be the largest deep sea freighter to be launched in Canada. Of the other five vessels under construction at the Coughlan yards all will be operated by the Imperial Government and will take their place among the "War" fleet of steamers.

Cold on Northern Coast

VANCOUVER, Dec. 28.—The steamer Venture arrived from the north this afternoon and reported cold and snowstorms up the coast. She left again for the north tonight. The steamer Prince Albert is due from the north today. The Union steamer Chelohsin arrived today for her annual survey and overhaul and will be out of commission for the next month. The tug Sea Lion is now receiving her annual overhauling.

Northern Pacific Increases Wages

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 28.—A 10 per cent increase in wages, effective January 1, was granted by the Northern Pacific Railroad today to 2,500 station clerks and employees. Under the new agreement overtime will be granted to clerks working more than eight hours and to warehousemen working more than ten hours. Present wages range from $65 to $125 per month, and the increase will add approximately $250,000 to the annual payroll of the railroad.

BRILLIANT WORK DONE BY AIRMEN

Dire Disaster Overtakes Austrian Squadrilla Attempting Raid at Treviso—Allies Have Few Casualties.

ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS IN NORTHERN ITALY, Dec. 27 (Thursday).—Further reports of the attempts of Austrian aviators yesterday to raid Treviso, which resulted so disastrously for them, emphasize the brilliant work done by both Italian and British aviators. Although eleven Austrian machines were brought down, only a few Italian aeroplanes were damaged.

Five Italian and one British soldier were killed; six Italian and eight British soldiers were wounded.

The British airmen brought down two machines, and British anti-aircraft guns accounted for three more, six Austrians in these five machines being killed and four wounded. Among the prisoners is a young Austrian major, who is unwounded.

SLEET STORM CAUSES SHORTAGE OF MILK

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 28.—On account of the sleet storm in the Fraser Valley during the past few days the milk supply of Vancouver is one-third short at present, according to a prominent dairyman today.

The milk now arriving in the city, he stated, comes by the C. P. R. from the north bank of the Fraser, by motor truck from Sea Island and Lulu Island, from the Delta by the Great Northern, and by the B. C. Electric from as far as Coghlan. The third that is not coming is accounted for by lack of train service on the Canadian Northern and on the B. C. Electric between Coghlan and Chilliwack.

Senator La Follette Expelled

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 28.—Robert M. La Follette, United States Senator from Wisconsin, was expelled from membership in the Madison Club tonight. The grounds given were unpatriotic conduct and having given aid and comfort to the enemy."

Another Canadian Killed

FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 28.—Lieut. R. Cuthbert, a Canadian member of the Royal Flying Corps, was killed this afternoon at Benbrook, when his machine fell several hundred feet.

LAW AND GOOD FAITH MUST FIRST PREVAIL

Settlement of Territorial and Other Questions at End of War Can Only Come On One Line

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Westminster Gazette, commenting on the address of Count Czernin, refers to the aims of the United States, as defined by President Wilson, and indorsed in a brilliant speech by M. Pichon (the French Foreign Minister)—"A league of nations, disarmament and a world settlement which will enable all to live and let live."

"All our negotiations about territory," the newspaper continues, "must be governed ultimately by our success in laying this foundation. They will be insoluble if the world afterwards is to be a world as it was before the war. They can be settled amicably if we are honestly assured that law and good faith are to prevail, and not Prussian militarism and the power of politics.

"Along this road we may settle the questions on their merits; along any other way we must fight to the last for the strongest possible position against the next war."

ENEMY TRIES ATTACK IN ARGONNE REGION

Surprise Effort is Checked by Troops of France—Heavy Artillery Actions Continue

PARIS, Dec. 28.—The French War Office issued the following official statement tonight:

"In the Argonne we repulsed an enemy surprise attack. On the right bank of the Meuse the activity of the artillery on both sides continued very lively in the region of Caurieres Wood and Bezonvaux, northeast of Bezonvaux, an enemy troop concentration was dispersed with losses.

"Belgian communication—During the night of December 26-27, the artillery fighting was rather intense in the Dixmude sector."

BOLSHEVIKI REFUSE TO ADMIT COURIER

Latest Attack on International Amenities Is 'Aimed' at United States—Measure of Compulsion

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 28.—An American diplomatic courier on his way to Petrograd has been refused admission to Russia on the ground that his pass had not been vised by M. Borovsky, the Bolsheviki minister at Stockholm.

This is the first time that a regular courier pass has not been honored.

It is assumed here that the Bolsheviki hope in this way to exert pressure and compel the indirect recognition of their foreign representatives.

FRANCE'S WAR LOAN IS OVER-SUBSCRIBED

PARIS, Dec. 28.—The ten billion francs asked for in the third war loan has been exceeded, according to a statement made in the Chamber of Deputies by M. Klotz, the Minister of Finance.

M. Klotz said that the returns for the loan were still incomplete, but that the subscriptions, not including those from abroad, aggregated 10,376,000,000 francs.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—Halifax still needs money for relief of the sufferers by the explosion, according to a telegram to Governor McCall from the chairman of the Halifax Relief Committee today.

CONSERVING POWER FOR WAR INDUSTRIES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Canadian demands that approximately 100,000 horsepower of current imported from the Canadian side should be applied exclusively to war work were said to have been a determining factor in the Government's decision to requisition all power.

Operation of mills is not expected to be affected materially by the new order, as readjustment of the power supply has been effected previously by representatives of the War Industries Board conferring with the Buffalo manufacturers.

Approximately 110 factories not working directly on war contracts will curtail their electric power requirements somewhat, will use power at times when munitions factories are making their smallest demand, and will substitute steam for electricity as much as possible.

Six More U-Boats Are Accounted For

One Falls Victim to Fire From American Passenger Steamer, According to Circumstantial Reports—Four Are Captured by U. S. Destroyers and One Surrenders

LONDON, Dec. 28.—A German submarine was sunk by the fire of guns of an American passenger steamer approaching the British coast on Thursday, according to the reports of passengers and gunners aboard.

The ship was proceeding at full speed about noon in a very smooth sea. The weather conditions were such as to make the best visibility. A periscope was sighted by the watch on the bridge, and the submarine was seen plainly by the passengers as it came to the surface at a distance of about 1,500 yards directly in the wake of the ship.

The steamer was brought about sharply, and the two guns fired with only an interval of two seconds between the shots. The second shell exploded, and debris from the submarine was seen flying in the air. Afterward no trace of the submarine was visible.

The convoy signalled to the liner "A direct hit." The watch on the bridge and the gunners and passengers confirm this verdict. No trace of a torpedo was seen.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—Four German submarines were captured recently by 12 American destroyers, according to an American seaman who reached his home here from a French port tonight. The seaman, a former Boston newspaper man, was aboard a troopship at the French port recently, he said, when the destroyers, all flying the Stars and Stripes, steamed in with their prizes.

The submarines were lying upon the surface of the ocean, with their conning towers open, during the process of re-charging their batteries, when the American destroyers swept down upon them and took them prisoner without a fight.

While the transport was still at the French port, the seaman said, a German U-boat entered the harbor with a white flag flying from her periscope. The enemy crew explained that they had been lying in wait for the troopship in the open sea, and that when they failed to find her and the supplies ran low, the crew mutinied, killed the commander and decided to surrender.

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TRAIL OF A GERMAN SPY IN CALIFORNIA

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 28.—A cabin, declared by sheriff's officers to have been a hiding place of Frans Schulenberg, alleged master German spy under arrest in San Francisco, was found by them last night in the San Gabriel Canyon, 50 miles northwest of this city. Fifty pounds of dynamite with fuses and caps were discovered within the cabin. The discovery was made following the arrest of John Knox, a miner, suspected of the slaying of Herman Miller, alias Japulka, another miner, in the canyon yesterday. Knox reported the finding of Miller's body and was held pending investigation. Officials at the sheriff's office said last night they are working on a theory that the slaying of Miller might be connected with the activities of Schulenberg and that possibly he was slain to prevent giving information concerning Schulenberg. The body was found not far from the concealed cabin.

Should Plant Cucumbers

VERNON, B.C., Dec. 28.—F. Bettschen, manager of the Vernon branch of the B.C. Cider and Vinegar Works, is urging Okanagan farmers to plant cucumbers next year for pickling purposes. At a recent meeting of the farmers' institute he stated that he had inside information that a large eastern concern was arranging to enter into the business of manufacturing pickles in Vernon.

GENERAL DELIVERY FOR STOREKEEPERS

Co-operation Among Dealers Discussed at Meeting of Retail Merchants in Vancouver

VANCOUVER, Dec. 28.—The Retail Grocers' Association held an adjourned meeting last night and took up the matter of co-operation in deliveries. The department stores, Secretary Corley reported last night, had expressed willingness to meet the retail grocery representatives immediately they had some definite proposition to discuss. It was stated during the meeting that Food Controller Hanna had stated that he might forbid all deliveries by stores. Another man said that he had been informed that one of the largest department stores in the city was considering the advisability of cutting out all deliveries. The meeting also discussed the proposed appointment of a representative committee of Eastern retail grocers by the Food Controller to act in an advisory capacity. It was decided to endorse the appointment and to select a committee of three local grocers to act in conjunction with the Eastern committee in matters affecting British Columbia.

Alberta Farmers' Loans

EDMONTON, Dec. 28.—The Provincial Government last night issued announcement postponing the operation of the Farms Loan Act until conditions become more normal.

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STORM LEAVES HAVOC IN TRACK

Lower Mainland Is Scene of Unprecedented Devastation From Bad Weather—Wires and Roads Demoralized.

MISSION CITY, B.C., Dec. 28.—This city is now almost in complete darkness at night owing to the devastating effects of the storm. Last night there was much further destruction through the continuation of wind, rain and frost. More telephone and power poles and trees were uprooted. This morning rain was falling, and it is difficult to find a telephone pole standing in the town.

The orchard owned by Dr. Stewart, located practically within the city, has been completely ruined, and not a tree remains standing. An adventurous resident of Silverdale, about six miles west of here, made the trip to Mission last evening, and reports great damage to the fruit trees in that district.

One could stand at the corner of any street in the town with a camera and be sure of getting a photograph which would include a mass of fallen telephone poles and entangled wires.

Although the city possesses two separate electric light systems, both are completely disorganized.

Telegraphic communication with the outside world is out of the question, as are all attempts to travel in auto or other vehicle.

Scenes of Havoc

VANCOUVER, Dec. 28. — With scarcely a moment's warning a shrieking blizzard descended through that part of British Columbia in the territory of Mission and Ruskin Wednesday night and raged with fury all day Thursday, leaving havoc in its trail, laying fruit trees and small farmhouses low and tying up telegraph service in and out of Vancouver for many hours.

Early this morning it was learned that there was eight inches of solid ice on the streets of Huntington, and practically every orchard in htat district was ruined.

Today the C.P.R. lent the B.C. Electric two steam engines to pull its trains between Abbottsford and Chilliwack, there being forty trolley poles down.

A feature of the storm, fraught with considerable danger, was the fact that a high tension line was brought down, and while the storm was still on yesterday men went to work. This work cost the B.C. Electric $5 per hour per man. The crew of the train which left New Westminster at 1:15 p.m. yesterday had to cut ice off the wires for several miles in order to reach Abbottsford, which was as far as they got.

It was a repetition of the big storm which broke nearly two weeks ago, tying up communication with the East and through which linemen battled to the point of exhaustion in order to get the telegraph wires working for election day. What details of the storm have reached the head office of the company are to the effect that it surpassed that of two weeks ago and was the worst in the memory of the oldest inhabitant in its effects.

Trains Delayed

C.P.R. trains were late yesterday, but not so such on account of the Fraser Valley storm as on account of blizzards further east, in the mountains. As the C.P.R. wires just east of Mission and to Ruby Creek were largely down yesterday morning, the company lost track of trains for a few hours, but last evening linemen had established telegraph connections again and it was found that the delay in the train service was not as serious as thought. All yesterday's trains were in by last evening and today they are running on time.

The Canadian Northern was also a victim of the storm and trains were held up yesterday and wires were down in the Fraser Valley. Wire crews were working all day yesterday and last night, and B. T. Chappell, General Superintendent in British Columbia, stated that they would be up and working this morning. Trains were late last night, on account of the same blizzard further east, in the mountains, that held up C.P.R. trains, but are expected to be moving this morning.

Wires Ice-Sheeted

Sleet covered the wires for miles The thin strands of copper wire were coated with an immense weight of ice, being enlarged through the frigid formation to a size as airge as a man's wrist. With this heavy burden to bear, cross-trees on the telephone poles snapped and poles, wires and all were hurled to the ground, in some instances being carried into the Fraser River, an interminable tangle which it appeared it would be impossible for man to straighten out.

All through last night linemen carried on their work, rehabilitating the property of the various companies, while in their labors their clothes were frozen to their bodies and in some instances they were forced to desert their posts while others took up the task of keeping the wires open so that communication would be uninterrupted.

Canadian Press dispatches carried over wires of the Canadian Pacific were halted. Strenuous work on the part of the C.P.R. Telegraph linemen made it possible to get occasional dispatches through. Relays of men kept up the good work all night, and as fast as one section of wire waare placed they were ready for an onslaught of the elements upon the system at some other point. The storm of last night and the day before was accompanied by high winds which made the task doubly hard.

Telephone Service Paralyzed

The Fraser Valley telephone service of the B.C. Telephone Company was, and is this morning, completely prostrated. Last night there were no lines to Chilliwack, Sumas, Abbotteford, Agassis, Mission and other points, and local officials of the company had not been able to find out completely in what state the system had been left.

The Chilliwack train service of the B. C. Electric was thrown out of joint by the storm and yesterday the company was not able to get trains past Abbotteford and may not be able to restore the service today. Gangs of B.C. Electric men are also hard at work repairing the damage.

Between Abbottsford and Sumas things are in such a condition that the company has been unable to get an automobile through, and consequently the full effect of the storm is not known. The light and telephone poles along the highways are said to be down by the hundreds and blocking progress, while a good many of the poles carrying power for the train line are down. It was reported, however, that good progress had been made near Sumas in getting the latter up and putting the line in shape for traffic.

Repairing Lines

R. N. Young, Superintendent of C.P.R. Telegraphs, returned to Vancouver at noon today, gathered additions to the staff fighting weather conditions around Mission, and leaves for the scene of the trouble tonight.

Mr. Young said that if the weather moderates at once he thought it would be possible to restore the telegraph wires inside of forty-eight hours. At 10 o'clock today, however, the rain was still falling, and freezing as it fell, and prospects were not encouraging. The sleet storm damaged C.P.R. communications for a distance of forty-one miles, the violence of the storm centring between Mission and Harrison Mills. "The whole country around Mission," said Mr. Young, "is really buried under three inches of ice. The telephone wires are down. Fruit trees are flat; everything is levelled. It looks as though a steam roller had gone over the country."

The C.P.R. have a staff of operators working each side of the storm area, and transferring telegraph business between the operating staffs by, train so that communication with the east is maintained.

Large gangs of linemen are at work, though they carry on under tremendous handicaps. Their clothing freezes in an hour, and the gangs must be relieved frequently. As fast as the wires are repaired they break again under the load of ice. Hundreds of poles are down.

The storm caught the B. C. Telephone Company's wires, and about ten miles of poles and wires are down in the vicinity of Blaine, on the Boundary. Prospects for restoration of these lines also are uncertain.

WAR MUST GO ON, SAYS M. PICHON

French Foreign Minister States That Peace Conditions Prevailing Before Hostilities Began Cannot Be Accepted.

PARIS, Dec. 28.—France will not accept a peace based on conditions before the war, Foreign Minister Pichon declared, in replying in the Chamber of Deputies today to the peace terms of the Central Powers outlined to Russia. He asserted that Germany was endeavoring to involve France in the negotiations with the Bolsheviki, but that the war would go on whether or not Russia made a separate peace.

The Foreign Minister said Germany was seeking to protract the negotiations with the Russians, re-establishing commercial relations in the meantime, believing that in this way the Bolsheviki might be checkmated later. Referring to the terms which the Central Powers offered to the Russians, as published today, M. Pichon said:

"Germany is trying to involve us in her Maximalist negotiations. After suffering as we have, we cannot accept peace based on the status quo. By agreement with our Allies we are ready to discuss direct propositions regarding peace, but this is indirect.

"Russia can treat for a separate peace with our enemies or not. In either case the war for us will continue. An ally has failed us, an ally who in preceding years carried off great victories.

PRIVATE BANKS ARE SEIZED BY RUSSIANS

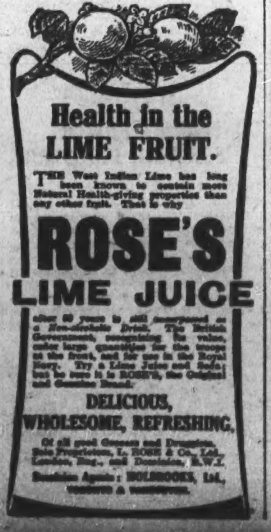
Manager of American Financial House Arrested, But Released on Representation of Consul

PETROGRAD, Dec. 28.—Soldiers, acting under the orders of Finance Commissary Menshinsky, today surrounded and seized all private banks in Petrograd, including the branch of the National City Bank of New York. The manager, R. R. Stevens, was arrested and detained for a short time. Many bank managers were arrested. Several surrendered the keys to the bank vaults, but Stevens refused. J. B. Wright, counsel for the American embassy, called upon Mr. Stevens during the afternoon.

The National Bank of New York was granted a licence last January to begin business in Russia with peculiar reference to the financing of railroad construction. The licence given it was the first granted to an American bank to do business in Russia since 1879.

Russian Commits Suicide

POWELL RIVER, Dec. 28. — "I have lived in this world like a wolf for twenty years, and what is the use to live in the world by weak strength?" Leaving this somewhat cryptic message for his two partners, A. Krokoss, a Russian, retired to his room and proceeded to blow his brains out. He had plenty of money, but had been in ill-health for some time. He asked his partners to bury him with his own money and not at the expense of the Government. A coroner's jury returned a verdict of "Suicide while temporarily insane."



GERMAN CRAFT DEMONSTRATED

Under Cloak of Armistice All Able-Bodied Troops Have Been Transferred From the Russian Front.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES, Dec. 28.—If it is true that the armistice on the Russian front contains a specific agreement by the German authorities not to transfer troops except those already in course of transport thence to the Western front, the Allies again face a monstrous piece of Teutonic hypocrisy. Many documents and statements of prisoners taken by the French armies suffice to prove this. It is not only that the best German units have already been taken from the field where they no longer are required; an elaborate system of exchange of small units, and even of individual men, is going on, and has been going on for weeks past, by which a skeleton army of weaklings will be kept up for a time in the east, while all the young and robust soldiers will be conveyed to depots or the flanks of corps engaged against the French, British or Italian armies.

Thus a man belonging to the 426th regiment (88th division) wrote on November 13 that all men from twenty to thirty years old were to be withdrawn from the Russian front before the armistice was signed. On the other hand, a prisoner says he saw a contingent of twenty-five elderly men of the 16th regiment starting on December 1 for Russia. The gaps left there by transfers to the West have also been partly filled by sending to the East recruits of the last class called up, that of 1919, which has been incorporated within the last six months.

In brief, the so-called Russian front will become a training ground for lads of 18 and a camp for invalids, while on the basis of this humbugging arrangement the German Government will presumably obtain the repatriation of some hundreds of thousands of able-bodied prisoners of war.

There is nothing in this to surprise the Allied Governments, for it is evident that since Germany had nothing to fear on the Russian side for months past, her chief aim in negotiating must have been to liberate completely what remained there of good material for use elsewhere. She already has engaged the best of it in Italy. With the rest the dangerously thinned ranks of the Western divisions, which had fallen as low as 12,000 men all told, are now being refreshed.

Rather more serious, perhaps, is the reinforcements in artillery and areoplanes which the armistice permits. Will Hindenburg now use all this and his previous strength in an adventurous attack in France? The possibility is viewed without alarm by the men able to judge. The Allied armies, in every way, including numbers of men, are in a better position to resist such an effort than they were when they broke the previous grand assaults, and the season is on their side. France lies today under a thick sheet of snow and a stormy sky.

Since the alternative for the enemy is to see the Americans come into line, an early offensive is an evident possibility, against which all defensive precautions are to be taken. Certain appearances notwithstanding, the Central Empires are in a desperate condition, and this fact may push them to attempt the last great blow. I believe the Allied armies are perfectly ready and perfectly confident of the result.

PROVINCIAL LUMBER INDUSTRY PROSPECTS

Expected That Trade Will Fall Off Considerably Until End of War Releases Ships

VANCOUVER, Dec. 28.—In the opinion of leading lumbermen of the city, British Columbia's export lumber trade will show a considerable falling off this year in comparison with the figures for 1916. There is still a good foreign demand for British Columbia lumber, but all shipments this year had to be curtailed on account of the lack of ships. Large Australian, African and United Kingdom orders were cancelled, or only partially filled, as there were no ships to carry the lumber. The after-the-war export possibilities are bright, however.

In 1916 the total lumber export was 106,804,000 feet. This year it is believed that the total export business will not amount to more than 75 per cent of this, and many in close touch with the situation state that the percentage may be even less.

While there was a poor export business done by the mills of the Province, the local trade and the Eastern Canadian trade was good.

ACCOUNTS FOR THE SUCCESS OF GERMANS

Officer of French Army Says Things Have Been Done Entente Men Are Incapable of

VANCOUVER, Dec. 28.—"The reason why the Germans have succeeded in so many areas in attaining their goal for the time being is that they do things that any soldier of the Entente nations would be ashamed to do," declared Captain Lionel Marie, of the French Army, today at the Hotel Vancouver. "I could tell you some things that took place in Northern France that would make your blood boil and that might not be believed if you published them. But there is no question that most of the stories you have heard of the German atrocities are true." The captain is here on his way to the East Indies, where he has extensive business interests. He was in the war at the start, took part in the battle of the Marne and in several subsequent engagements, and has been granted an extended furlough to look after his business affairs in the Orient.

U. S. Conscripts Wool

VANCOUVER, Dec. 28.—According to a statement which was received today at the office of G. N. West, consul-general for the United States in this city, Uncle Sam intends to have the first call on all wool imported to that country. Importers must make application for permission to bring in the wool, and before doing so must sign an agreement with the Government that the latter will be given the first option on that commodity. In the event of the option being exercised, the price to be paid will be 5 per cent less than the basis of prices in July last.

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EXEMPTION CLAIMS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

VANCOUVER, Dec. 28.—Out of 1,168 exemption claims in British Columbia there have been 2,717 disallowed and from these there have been 1,966 appeals. The appellants have filed their appeals to the central judge at Ottawa in 143 cases out of the 1,966.

FORMER POLICE CHIEF CHARGED WITH GRAFT

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Charles C. Healey, former chief of police of Chicago, today took the witness stand in his own defence at his trial on charges of conspiracy in connection with alleged police grafting. "I never took a dollar to protect vice or crime," he dramatically exclaimed in the course of a sweeping denial of every charge made against him. Healey also denied that he had ever held telephone conversations with Tom Costello, self-confessed head of an underworld graft syndicate, and the former chief's principal accuser. Attorneys for the defence indicated that they will attempt to show that Healey is the victim of a campaign of persecution.

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., Dec. 28.—Quo warranto proceedings were begun here today in Superior Court by Samuel J. Taylor in an effort to prevent Mayor-elect Fred C. Miller, an alien enemy, from assuming office on January 7. Mr. Taylor's petition declared that although Miller received the highest number of votes in the recent election, many were illegal because cast by alien enemies, and that had the vote been legal Miller, as a subject of the German Emperor, cannot under the law hold office.

RECONSTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT

Problem That Confronts Premier Is Question of Quebec Representation—Changes in the Cabinet Pending.

OTTAWA, Dec. 28.—Quebec representation in the Cabinet has not yet been formally considered. Several ministers declare it is a problem for Quebec to solve. It has expressed in unmistakable terms its hostility to Union Government and Union policy, and until there is some indication of the acceptance of the decision of the people the question of representation must remain in abeyance.

Senator D. O. Lesperance, Quebec, has many advocates for a portfolio. He has made an excellent reputation in the Senate, but the objection to his inclusion in the Cabinet is that he would not be an elected member. Such an appointment might be construed as giving representation to Quebec in opposition to a desire for such. If there is representation given, several of the ministers maintain that the members chosen must be elected as such in French-Canadian constituencies. Such representatives, if elected, must be pledged to a loyal support of the Military Service Act and all other war measures necessary to carry out the expressed will of the people at the recent election.

In the event of such representatives being unable to secure constituencies, it is understood that the Government will give the portfolios to some of the present members of the Cabinet. There will also be some changes in the personnel of the English representation in the Cabinet. Two of the present ministers will accept important appointments and advantage will be taken of the vacancies created to equalize the party representation. There is also the appointment of a departmental secretary of labor to be made before Parliament sits in March.

The demand from Prince Edward Island for Cabinet representation is not taken very seriously. Prince Edward Island has one representative in the Commons above its legal allotment and in addition it is unlikely that any of the four Laurier members elected would make way for the entrance of a Unionist minister.

Two other important positions to fill are the clerkship and deputy speakership of the Commons. Many desire the appointment of W. B. Northrup, ex-M.P., to the former position. He is thoroughly versed in parliamentary procedure and law, and is respected by all parties and would be a worthy successor to the many able men who have filled this important position.

It is expected that the soldiers will return Hon. E. N. Rhodes to the Commons, and his election to the speakership will inevitably follow. According to custom, the deputy-speaker should be a French-Canadian. In the Unionist party Dr. J. L. Chabot, one of the members-elect for Ottawa, is the only one with this qualification but it is unlikely he would accept this position.

The prospects are that an English-speaking member will become deputy-speaker and a Western representative may secure the appointment. There are several qualified men for the position and among others, Mr. H. H. Stevens, British Columbia, and Mr. J. G. Turriff, Saskatchewan.

VALUABLE ORE FOUND NORTH OF REVELSTOKE

Eight-Foot Vein Carrying Silver and Lead Struck in Mastodon Mine—Other Properties Developing

REVELSTOKE, B. C., Dec. 28.—Word has come of a big strike on the property of the Mastodon mines, on Laforme Creek. Eight feet of what is described as being practically solid ore, carrying good values in silver and lead, has been struck in a crosscut of a 110-foot level. This is one of the biggest strikes ever made in the Northern Kootenay, and has doubly renewed the confidence of mining men in the resources of the district north of Revelstoke.

Next season promises to see much mining activity in the North Country in silver, lead and copper.

David Woolsley has bonded his Silver Creek property to Eastern capitalists. The deal was completed this week. The bondholders have brought supplies in and are putting a crew of eight men to work for the Winter.

R. A. Grimes, manager of the Dunvegan mines, has let a contract for another 100-foot development tunnel in the Dunvegan property.

ALL AT HOME SHOULD PREPARE FOR WAR

The first test a man is put through for either war or life insurance is an examination of his water. This is most essential because the kidneys play a most important part in causing premature old age and death. The more injurious the poisons passing through the kidneys the sooner comes decay—so says Dr. Pierce of Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y., who further advises all people who are past thirty to preserve the vitality of the kidneys and free the blood from poisonous elements, such as uric acid—drink plenty of water—sweat some daily and take Anuric, double strength, before meals.

An-u-ric is a discovery of Dr. Pierce, and can be obtained at drug stores. For that backache, lumbago, rheumatism, "rusty" joints, swollen feet or hands, due to uric acid in the blood, Anuric quickly dissolves the uric acid as hot water does sugar. Send 10 cents to Dr. Pierce for trial pkg.



Thorold, Ont.—"I think Anuric is the best I have ever taken. My kidneys had given me trouble for some time. I would suffer from backaches and also swelling of the limbs. I took Anuric and it has entirely cured me of all my backaches and has strengthened my kidneys so I feel safe in recommending it to others who suffer."—Mrs. C. A. Clarke, Box 1179.

Toronto, Ont.—"For the last eight years I have suffered with kidney trouble and rheumatism. It began with pains in my back and finally left my back and went down into the feet. It developed into a chronic case. I tried every medicine I could hear of and consulted some good doctors, but still I kept on suffering. About a year ago a friend advised me to give Anuric a trial, and am happy to say I am today a well man—never feel any trace of my ailment no matter what the weather conditions may be. Anuric is a real kidney medicine in every sense."—E. F. Gordon, 5 Markham Street.

WATCHMAN KILLED BY FALL IN HOLD

Wilbur Tenbroeck, Employed by C. P. R. at Vancouver, Meets Tragic Death While on Duty

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 28.—Failing to his death within a few minutes after coming on duty for the day, Wilbur Tenbroeck, 1940 Arbuth Street, a watchman employed by the C. P. R. on the SS. Monteagle, was found at the bottom of No. 2 hatch on that vessel shortly after 1 o'clock today.

Tenbroeck relieved the morning watchman, B. Canteion, at 12:30, at which time it is understood all the hatches were closed. The tragedy was not witnessed by anyone, but it is believed that the unfortunate man lifted the cover of the hatch and overbalanced, falling to the bottom, a distance of 17 feet.

Death was instantaneous, his brains being dashed out by the fall. Coroner Jeffs was notified and an enquiry will be held in due course.

STATE OPERATION OF ALL RAILWAYS

Speaker Thinks There Never Can Be Reversion to Former Conditions — Why Roads Were Taken Over.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 28.—A. C. Townley, president of the Non-Partisan League, in an interview here tonight gave two reasons, in his opinion, why President Wilson took the action he did regarding the railroad situation.

First—The object lesson of other nations.

Second—The breakdown of the American railroads.

"I hope the President's action means ultimate ownership of the railroads by the people," he said. "I think that it does mean it. I cannot see how it can mean anything else.

"Other nations have seen that a nation is best served when it controls its transportation facilities. Other nations have gone further. Other nations in this war are controlling the manufacture and the distribution of the things necessary to the nation's welfare. A nation's welfare is the people's welfare. A nation is well off in the same proportion that the mass of its people is well off. All of us do not seem to realize that yet. I think we will before long.

"Our railroads have been breaking down for a long time. The breakdown is due to over-capitalization. The purpose of our railroads has been to pay dividends, not to give service. The operators of our railroads are good and efficient men. I do not suppose there are any better in the world. But they have been under the direction of men who wanted dividends above all things. Rolling stock, roadbeds, everything, has been sacrificed to dividends—to dividends on unnatural capitalization. Of course the railroads broke down. The President could do nothing but take them if we are to have efficient transportation."

FRUIT DEALERS ARE ACCUSED OF FRAUD

Three Vancouver Men Committed for Trial on Charge of Unfairly Manipulating Boxes of Apples

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 28.—Finding that a prima facie case had been made out against J. and N. Swartz and Charles O'Neill, Magistrate Shaw decided today to commit the accused for trial on charges of conspiracy to defraud the public, withholding the formal committal until Monday next in order that bail might be arranged.

Wholesalers attended court in force at the preliminary hearing, wherein the three men, two of whom are wholesale dealers, are charged with removing apples from boxes purchased by them from the growers and selling the depleted boxes to the public as full ones.

According to evidence tendered by a former employee, M. L. Murphy, Swartz carried on the practice as far back as 1912, when the equivalent of one box was taken from each batch of seven or eight which were "fixed." Murphy swore he opened and repacked boxes of apples in 1912 at the orders of Swartz Brothers, who taught him the business of peddling fruit.

Counsel for the defense argued that the apples in question were No. 3 grade, and as such it was not essential that they should be tightly packed, as was necessary with higher grades. It was a common practice for wholesalers to pick over apples in order to remove "culls," he said, a further argument being put forward that no stated weight was set down by law as a standard for boxes of apples. It followed, therefore, that any box of apples was a box, no matter if it happened to be a few pounds lighter than another.

Magistrate Shaw, however, did not agree with this contention, and expressed himself as satisfied that a case had been made out. The public, he said, was led to expect a properly filled box of fruit when it purchased boxes stamped with a Growers' Exchange mark, and if it did not get that it was being defrauded.

CASUALTIES AMONG AMERICANS AT FRONT

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Dec. 28.—By the Associated Press).—A corporal of American engineers was killed and one private was wounded Christmas Eve when a German shell dropped near a party of American engineers working in trenches on a section of the French front. The engineers for several weeks had been working along the front with veteran French engineers for purposes of instruction.

Medical Celebrity Dead

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 28.—Dr. Theodore Caldwell Janeway, professor of medicine of the medical staff of Johns Hopkins University, died today of pneumonia. Dr. Janeway was born in New York in 1872. He made valuable contributions to medical literature, his name being particularly identified with the clinical study of blood pressure.

RAILWAY PROBLEM FACES CANADA

Dominion Government Not Likely to Follow Example of Britain and U.S. and Take Over Roads.

OTTAWA, Dec. 28.—There is a little possibility of the Union Government immediately following the example of the United States and taking over the control and operation of all railways during the war. There is, however, every prospect that another 1,500 miles of trackage will be permanently added to the Government system at the next session of Parliament.

The rate increase granted by the Railway Commission meets with but little criticism in the capital. All admit that the rates had to be increased on some roads, or the Government would be faced with making further grants to secure the required efficiency. The only opposition is due to the fact that the railroads which do not need the increase will be benefited as well as those whose revenues have proved inadequate.

Advocates of Government control and operation point out that their policy would in a measure remove this discrepancy. It is understood that the question will be considered by the cabinet at the first meeting in the New Year, and as the new rates are not immediately operative, there will be ample time to accept or substitute another policy.

Although the Intercolonial was not placed under the jurisdiction of the Railway Commission last session as intended, it is believed that any increase in rates on corporation railroads will be made applicable to the Government system. There is the same inadequacy of revenue on the Government system as on the other roads, and the policy of the new Government will be to give equality of service and cost of service to the people of all Canada.

"The Grand Trunk lines are similarly situated, though to a less extent. The lump sum they received from the Government last session was all for past expenditures, not for betterment anywhere, and without constant care of the lines and effective maintenance the roads cannot care for the heavy business they now should be handling.

"Deterioration, too, is so rapid that if the Government does not come to their rescue by one course or another the scrapheap is their inevitable destination."

Sir Donald Mann's View

TORONTO, Dec. 28.—It is naturally to be expected that the Union Government will follow the example of the United Sates and place all railways under Government control for the period of the war, said Sir Donald Mann, vice-president of the Canadian Northern Railway. It is the natural assumption, as conditions are at present. Railway companies, other than the Canadian Pacific, have no moneys to provide for keeping their lines up to a high standard of efficiency. No money received by the Canadian Northern from the Government in recent years has been for utilization in such work.

COUNT ANDRASSY SAYS TEUTONS ARE SUPREME

ZURICH, Dec. 28.—Count Julius Andrassy, ex-Premier of Hungary, writing on the peace question, says: "From the moment we were free in the East the whole situation fundamentally changed, and the Central Powers now also will gain supremacy in the west. It is no longer possible for America to give us the finishing stroke. She cannot save the Entente."

Death of Mrs. Martha Rounds

PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 28.—Mrs. Martha A. Rounds, widow of Sterling P. Rounds, Government printer under Presidents Garfield and Arthur, and former owner of the Salt Lake City Tribune, Denver Tribune and Omaha Republican, died of pneumonia at the home of her grandson, Douglas D. Rothacker, here early today, aged 85 years.

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FOOD PRODUCTION IN WASHINGTON STATE

SPOKANE, Dec. 28.—A food production programme for Washington for next season will be worked out by Washington State College, it was decided at a conference here today between Dr. E. O. Holland, president of the college, E. F. Benson, state commissioner of agriculture, and Charles Hebberd, of this city, chairman of the food production committee of the state council of defence. The programme will be submitted at another conference of the same men, to be held here January 25, it was announced.

Reason With Consumers

OTTAWA, Dec. 28.—The larger retail merchants throughout Canada will, beginning January 7, co-operate with the food controller in educating their customers to ask for substitutes for white flour, wheat products, and beef and bacon.



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THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

There has been an undercurrent of feeling for some time past that our educational system in this Province is not all that could be desired. The differences of opinion that prevail among parents and also among many of the teachers deserve investigation. Dr. J. D. McLean, the Minister of Education, did well in summoning a conference, but he would have done better in extending its personnel, for it may be that those now discussing reforms are wedded to the old ideas about which complaints have arisen. Dr. McLean is credited with the desire to bring the educational system within "more practical realms." Perhaps he means by this the introduction of more vocational subjects. In an extension of this character he will be well advised to make haste slowly. Many of the complaints which have reache dus about the educational system have been based on the fact that pupils now-a-days are forced to take up classes in domestic science and manual training, while, owing to the pursuit of these subjects, others which come under the head of general knowledge are being neglected.

What our educational authorities will have to decide is whether or not there is too much cramming for examinations under the school system as it exists today. Many parents claim their children are forced to assimilate too much knowledge within too short a period, and they make the statement that knowledge so acquired is of little value, for it is only for examination purposes and is subsequently forgotten. They also put forward the plea that useless subjects are being taught in the schools, to the neglect of others which are of the highest value in fashioning the characters of children. It is in this latter respect that our public schools are at fault. School life is the formative period. Its influence is the determining factor in making citizens. All studies should be aimed at character building, and it is in this the system in British Columbia is not what it should be. We do not say that our schools do not produce a useful type of citizenship, but we do say that the type might be made much better than it is under a different system of education.

Among the aspects of education which should come up for revision at the present conference is the question of optional and obligatory subjects. Is it necessary that every girl should be taught domestic science, or that every boy should undergo manual training? We think this is a question which should rest with the parents to answer. There are many parents who would like to see their children's energies concentrated upon subjects which will aid them in professional careers. There are many who would like to see far greater attention paid to such studies as geography, history, English composition, literature, French and mathematics. Among many of our pupils the lack of knowledge which prevails about the constitutional history of the race is deplorable. Too little time is devoted to that general knowledge which enables boys and girls to write grammatically, express their thoughts clearly, and use pure English both in the written and the spoken word. It is the discipline of the school, the character of the knowledge implanted, and the esprit de corps built up among the pupils, that are the factors in character building, which, since it is inseparable from the acquisition of the knowledge that counts, should be an outstanding aim of our educational authorities.

We do not hesitate to say that our school system needs revision. More than once we have advanced the suggestion that in view of the present world war the children now growing up should be taught the meaning of sea power. The answer was that the curricula of the schools were already overcrowded, and no subject could be added without overtaxing teachers and students alike. That is, indeed, a narrow vision, and mayhap it accounts for much of the ignorance of which there is complaint. Dr. McLean, whose duties as Provincial Secretary are anything but onerous, has an opportunity to confine his attention to educational matters in the Province. The world is a changing world. The rising generation must not be wedded to stereotyped educational methods, but must expand with the times. This war is an education in a variety of branches of human knowledge, yet by our public school system there is only a circumscribed opportunity of taking advantage of the book which it unfolds. We do not want our children to be Prussianized by making a fetish of technical education to the exclusion of knowledge which shapes the character and determines the future type of our citizenship. These are some of the [illegible] we hope the present conference will [illegible]

Above all, in the curricula of the future the utmost attention should be paid to such studies as build up and develop character. That is the conception of education in following which the teaching profession can do its noblest work.

CANADA SHOULD ACT

Food conservation is being carried out in Canada so that there may be more supplies available for the Allies. Hand in hand with this campaign there should be in progress a Government shipbuilding programme, for all the supplies in this hemisphere will be useless to suffering Europe if the tonnage is not available for carrying them. Britain and France have to look largely to this continent for the necessaries of life. Nearly half the mercantile marine of both nations has been commandeered for military purposes. Despite all the new shipbuilding in Britain production is not overtaking the need. The United States is doing her share. Canada is not, and the campaign of conservation will be useless here, unless, at the same time, we provide the tonnage to carry the supplies overseas.

British ships are being used to carry our troops to England. If our shipbuilding programme had been commenced immediately the war broke out our own vessels would have now been in commission and adequate for all our military needs. This would have left a considerable tonnage of the British mercantile marine available for carrying food supplies to the suffering people of the Old Country. We have been sadly short-sighted in gauging the immensity of this war. We are still immeasurably remiss in our duty in not having embarked long ago on a definite and progressive shipbuilding programme. The Government is doing nothing in this direction, despite the growing gravity of the decrease in the world's available tonnage.

"PEACE WITHOUT VICTORY"

The consensus of opinion among Allied statesmen is that there can be no peace based on the status quo ante. If there were there could be no guarantee for the future. Mr. Lloyd George says that the achievement of the purposes for which the Allies are fighting is essential to the future freedom and peace of mankind. Those purposes can be concisely stated in the phrase, "a world made free from the menace of Prussian militarism." The Teutonic nations in their latest peace proposals, made through the Bolshevik Government at Petrograd, nor can they entertain any proposals which reach them through that source.

It has always been recognized among the British peoples that there can be no peace without territorial readjustments and reparation by Germany for the crimes she has perpetrated. What possible guarantee can there be for the future if the murder of Belgium is not to be expiated? Were the Allies to make peace tomorrow their action would leave Germany the master power of the world, for at her own time she made war and was strong enough to will peace at a seasonable hour. Any pretension on the part of Germany that she is willing to agree to disarmament is at variance with all her past history. No such suggestion could be made in earnest, for if it were carried out it would mean the disappearance from power of the military clique which controls that empire's destiny. Germany is engaged on another of her periodical attempts to bluff Europe. She thinks she discerns war weariness among the civilian populations of her enemies, and, acting on this belief, is using Russia as a lever to promote unrest. The campaign of the Bolsheviki, which has been carried to the extent of aiding I.W.W. agitators in the United States, is patent. Their object is to promote anarchy all over the world, so that upon the ruins of civil power Germany may rise to a position of dictatorship. Nothing can persuade us that the course of the Bolsheviki is not being dictated by the Wilhelmstrasse. M. Lenine and his followers are only a pawn in Germany's game of welt politik.

The Allies must fight on until they achieve all their objects, or else they consign the world to a period of menace more foreboding than any in its history. They must fight on because the stake at issue is the future freedom and peace of mankind. They must fight on because they are the guardians of civilisation. They owe it to the dead, to the living, and to posterity, to insure that from the awful holocaust of this war will grow up an era of peace, which, at least, will last for some generations. Once and for all time the sanctity of the public law of Europe must be vindicated, for it, above everything else, is the one sure safeguard of the future. All talk of perennial peace is futile as long as the blood lust is the ruling passion of any Government. The Government which made this war possible must be summoned before the judgment seat of civilisation to answer for its manifold crimes. If we were to return to the status quo ante justice would have been dethroned on earth, the master criminal of the age would go unpunished, and the future would be without hope. Germany must purge herself from within, or be purged from without, before this war will end. Otherwise we have fought in vain. As long as we can look towards our goal with eyes unblinded by sacrifice and sorrow there is no fear of the result. Right is on our side, and it must and shall be triumphant.

The local pluviometer is working overtime these days, but, after all, we are comparatively lucky in our small rainfall, taking it year by year. This December bids fair to provide a record, for the precipitation is already over 11 inches, with prospects of more during the next three days. Our rainfall for the year seldom exceeds 30 inches, which is more than a moderate average compared with other places on the surface of the globe. At Cherrapunji, on the Khasi Hills, in India, the average rainfall has been 493.19 inches for twelve months on a mean of twenty-four years. On this continent probably the heaviest rainfall is at Vera Cruz, where it has been known to be as high as 182 inches for the twelve months.

Prophecy concerning the Holy Land still holds all its old-time fascination. Of the many interesting tales in connection with the British advance in Palestine one is told by an officer in a letter to Victoria, written from somewhere near Gaza. He points out there is an ancient Arab prophecy which reads that when the waters of the Nile shall flow into Palestine and a white prophet shall enter the Western gate of Jerusalem then will be the end of Turkish rule. The water which supplied the British Army was drawn from the Nile and piped across the Sinai Desert to near Gaza. It is further pointed out that the Arab pronunciation of Allenby's name is El Nebi, which, in the Arabic tongue, we are informed, means "the prophet." The General entered Jerusalem by the Western gate.

The death of Mr. J. W. Church removes from the life of the city one of its leading educationists. He was a gentleman of very considerable attainments, admirably equipped in every way for instructing youth. Ever courteous, and a most entertaining conversationalist, Mr. Church was a distinct factor in moulding the thoughts of the many young Victorians whom he instructed. Among all who knew him, admired his winning personality, and were benefited by the breadth of his knowledge and the keenness of his powers of observation his death will create a void. Very widespread sympathy will be extended to his widow and her two sons.

PRESS COMMENT

Nothing New Under the Sun

Cutting a lake steamship in half to get it through the Welland Canal and so into the Atlantic for war service is no new thing. About three-quarters of a century ago you could start from Broad and Vine Streets, Philadelphia, over the "Main Line of the Public Works of Pennsylvania" in a sectional canal boat set on a wheel truck. The canal boat sections were put together at Columbia for the journey up the Susquehanna and the Juniata Rivers. Then the boats were put on wheeled trucks again and carried over the mountains on the Alleghenny Portage Railroad. Charles Dickens, in his "American Notes," describes this railroad: "Occasionally the rails are laid upon the extreme verge of a giddy precipice, and looking from the carriage window"—for, of course, there were passenger coaches, too—"the traveler gazes sheer down, without a stone or scrap of fence between, into the mountain depths below."—Philadelphia Ledger.

A New Epoch Dawns

Year by year as the struggle has gone on, fresh peoples have rallied to our cause because they have become convinced that it is their own. Germany has taught them that there is no hope for freedom, or for the civilization which springs from freedom, until that spirit is crushed and destroyed. They have learnt the lesson and they are acting upon it. Above all, the entrance of America for the first time into a great European war marks, as we have many times observed, the beginning of a new epoch in history. She is fighting for ideals more exclusively than any other belligerent, and those who fight for ideals fight until their ideals are won. —London Times.

"Do Like the Negro"

The French language has its catchwords as ours has. One of the latest is: "Faites comme le negre" ("Do like the negro."") They say it where we should say "Carry on." It appears that some time ago the President went through a war hospital and spoke to every patient. At each bedside the dialogue was this: M. Poincaire—"And how are you going on?" Patient—"Very well, sir, thank you." M. Poincaire—"Ah, well continues!" So "Continues' came to be the French army's catchword for "Carry on." Then the President went to another hospital. One of the patients was a colored soldier who had done a specially brave deed, and was pointed out to the President for it. "So you are the negro?" said the genial Chief of the Republic. "Yes, monsieur," was the reply. "Ah, well—continues!" said the President. The army, hearing of it, at once altered their favorite "Continues" into "Do like the negro."—London Daily Express.

THE SHIPPING PROBLEM

By Admiral Sir Cyprian Bridge, G.C.B.

Frequent recurrence to the shipping problem needs no excuse. It is of the first importance, and should be a matter of daily consideration by all of us. Indeed, it ought to be more than that. There is no exaggeration in affirming that we are really called upon to think of it whenever we take a meal—no matter how plain and simple that meal may be. The whole of the tea, coffee, cocoa, and sugar that we consume; three-fourths of the bread; most of the meat—not to mention the large quantities of raw material necessary to our manufacturers—must be brought to us in shipping. We must also rely upon shipping to carry abroad the exports which we are obliged to send to foreign markets to pay for the commodities which are indispensable to our existence. To be a sea-surrounded country has great advantages, but it also has some disadvantages. It is our good fortune that these disadvantages are of a kind that we can neutralize, if we only will.

In many of its conditions this war is unprecedented. For the first time in history the British Empire has come out as very nearly, if not quite, the greatest military Power in the world. Only two or three weeks ago we were told officially that we had three and a half million troops serving in the various theatres of war outside the boundaries of the British Empire. Nothing like this condition of things has ever been know before. In addition to the numbers above stated there is a great multitude of persons, not fighting men, who have to be provided for as fully as the troops themselves. Altogether, we have to supply the requirements of a number of persons equal to the population of a European kingdom of respectable size. We have also to provide the immense quantities of munitions which modern armies and navies are continuously expending. All the articles referred to have to be carried by sea, many of them for distances to be measured by thousands of miles. This does not complete the tale of the demands on our shipping. Fuel, food and munitions have to be sent by sea to several of our Allies; and great part of the work is done in British vessels.

Demands on Mercantile Marine

When we contemplate the immense work that the British mercantile marine has to perform we can understand why it is that a vast proportion of it is absorbed for naval and military purposes. That proportion has been stated, on good authority, to amount to nearly 64 per cent of the mercantile ocean-going tonnage. No doubt a proportion of our mercantile tonnage is employed on more or less directly naval and military purposes in time of peace. We can make allowance for this, and still find that in the present war we have less than half the number of ocean-going vessels for feeding and otherwise supplying ourselves that we considered necessary in peace time.

It may be admitted that a good deal has been done by shipping control and improved organization to reduce the deficiency in available shipping; but no amount of improvement in organization will enable forty ships to do the work of a hundred. Only two things can possibly remedy this—one is, to practice rigorous and persistent economy in the consumption of imported supplies, especially food; the other is to throw all the energy of which we are capable into the work of building sea-going cargo-carrying ships. Our continuous cry ought to be—ships, ships, and still more ships!

It will be noticed that the conditions being what they are we should be compelled to carry on an immense ship-building work even if there was not a single hostile submarine in existence. The depredations of the submarine make more urgent what was already urgent, the necessity of filling up the enormous gap in commercial shipping caused by the demands of our fleets and armies abroad, and the needs of our Allies. It is well that the public should have always before it the operations of the German submarines. It is, however, extremely unfortunate that the attention of the public should be but rarely called to the principal cause of the food and other shortage—viz., the diversion of not much less than two-thirds of the shipping previously employed in supplying us to work of a very different character.

The menace of the enemy's submarine is serious, and we have to admit that as yet we have by no means averted it. Indeed it is not improbable that it will never be entirely done away with. We have done rather more than prevent aggravation of the menace. We have to some extent reduced it—thanks in no small measure to the splendid behaviour of our merchant seamen. Its early successes—as far as they went—were largely due to the novelty of it, As Admiral Mahan speaking of a previous commerce-destroying campaign, says: "The victims were taken unawares." In its principal object the German submarine campaign has been a failure. It was intended to starve the United Kingdom into surrender—first within three months; then within six months. It has now lasted nearly ten months, and it has not done what it set out to do.

The Enemy's Present Aim

But though the submarine campaign has failed in its main object, it is pursuing with persistence, another object which, unless we take the proper steps to defeat it, will do us great injury. This object is to diminish the number of our ocean-going merchant vessels. Down to the end of 1915 we wisely devoted nearly the whole of our shipbuilding resources to the work of increasing and maintaining the fighting fleet and its many auxiliaries. This policy has been fully justified by the result. We followed it with some modification during a great part of 1916.

The result of the battle of Jutland and its effect on the hostile navy showed us that we could safely divert more of our ship-building capacity to turning out cargo-carrying vessels. We had, however, a considerable deficiency to make up. In addition to this we find the demands of our Allies for indispensable articles growing large. This accentuates the necessity of putting all our energy into the work of merchant ship building, and seeing that every ship already built, no matter under which Allied flag she may be, should be immediately and continuously employed.

We talk much and read much about the various "land fronts or the "single front," We should do well to talk a great deal more than we do, read a great deal more, and think a great deal more about the ocean-going shipping front. Even when the war is over sufficiency of shipping will continue for a long time to be an urgent need of ourselves and our Allies. —London Chronicle.

FIFTY YEARS AGO TODAY

(From The Colonist, December 29, 1867)

The Pilots—After a rain struggle for several months to keep a suitable vessel cruising outside of the harbor, and at the same time make both ends meet, the pilots, with an empty exchequer, have been compelled to relinquish the schooner which they had chartered for the purpose and return to the whaleboat system previously in force. We are told that the expenses of the pilots exceeded their receipts by $100 during the month of December last, and anyone who has ever noticed the number of arrivals and departures during this (always the dullest) season of the year will easily credit the statement. While we regret that circumstances have caused the withdrawal of the vessel, we cannot see that the fault rests with the pilots.

The Road to Kootenay—The British Columbia Government has not yet decided to adopt any of the numerous routes to the Kootenay mines, but Governor Seymour, we believe, has expressed to Dr. Tolmie his intention and desire to further any scheme for the opening of a practicable route to the new mines.

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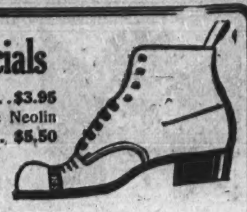
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MILITARY NOTES

H. P. Maguire, formerly of Cedar District, Nanaimo, and whose sister, Miss Rose Maguire, lives at Duncan, has joined the United States Aviation Corps and has gone to Texas to train. Cadet Maguire was born and educated in British Columbia, but for the last three years has lived in the United States.

Lieut. J. Hellaby, an officer of one of the original New Zealand contingents, latterly attached to the Royal Field Artillery, France, arrived on the Coast on Thursday, and will leave by one of the westbound boats for his home in the Antipodes.

Nursing Sister Sharp, one of the three nursing sisters who returned with the big party of returned soldiers who crossed the Atlantic on the big transport which debarked its passengers in New York recently, was married to Sergt.-Major Turner, of Major Harvey's staff, Esquimalt, in England, a few months ago. She was met in Vancouver by her husband, and reached Victoria on Thursday. Nursing Sister Graves, who returned in the same party, also belongs to Victoria. She was on duty overseas for two years.

Cadet Manson, who was killed in an aeroplane accident at Fort Worth, Texas, this week, may be E. Douglas Manson, for three years resident at the home of Mr. J. F. Downer, Vancouver. No message, however, has been received by Mrs. Downer.

Word has been received that Pte. Walter White, previously reported missing, is now officially reported killed in action on November 10. His mother resides at 925 Johnson Street.

Minister Egan Home

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Dec. 28.—Dr. Maurice F. Egan, the American minister to Denmark, and Mrs. Egan, arrived here today on a Danish steamship, which is the first to reach here from Denmark in several months.

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EIGHTEEN MEXICAN RAIDERS WERE KILLED

MAREA, Tex., Dec. 28. — After a careful check of the number of Mexican bandits killed by American troops and ranchers following the Brite ranch raid, it was officially announced tonight that eighteen bandits had been killed by actual count. How many more crawled off in the desert undergrowth to die of their wounds cannot be ascertained.

Major Stewart on Leave

VANCOUVER, Dec. 28. — After having been at the front and in England, Major Angus Stewart, brother of General J. W. Stewart, commander of the railway construction battalion, is back in Vancouver today on leave.

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VICTORIA BOY IS MADE INSTRUCTOR

Flight-Lieut. Cecil J. Humphreys, Formerly of Bank of Nova Scotia, Will Stay at Fort Worth, Texas, for Time.

Flight-Lieut. Cecil J. Humphreys, son of Mr. Chas. J. Humphreys, of this city, and who was formerly on the staff of the Bank of Nova Scotia here, has been appointed instructor at Camp Benbrook, Fort Worth, Texas. He is attached to Squadron 85, to which Flight-Lieut. McCallum, another Victoria boy, also belongs. Lieut Humphreys left here about four months ago, going first of all to Toronto. He broke all novices' records at Camp Rathbun, near Toronto, Ont., by making a six and a half hour solo flight after only two hours of instruction. Early in November he was sent to Texas and continued to show such aptitude for the work that he has finally been selected as instructor. He finished his course some weeks ago, and now has his commission as Flight-Lieutenant. Unfortunately he recently suffered an attack of measles and has been in the officers' ward at the base hospital, Camp Bowie. When he wrote last he expected to be up and out of quarantine by Christmas Day.

A brother, Flight-Lieut. Dudley Humphreys, is in London taking a pilot's course. He was wounded while serving as an observer on the Western front with the R. F. C. Mrs. Humphreys went to England to be with him, about a year ago, and has since spent several months in Paris.

DISTRICT ORDERS

New Year greetings to officers and men of all ranks are expressed by Major-General Leckie, C. M. G., General Officer Commanding Military District No. 11 in the latest district orders issued under date of December 28:

"The general officer commanding wishes to express to the officers, non-commissioned officers and men in his command his appreciation of their loyal service during the past year, and to assure all ranks, especially those now preparing for service overseas, of his sincere wish that they may meet with good fortune and success throughout the New Year," runs the message.

A number of appointments, transfers, etc., are noted:

Honorary Captain and Paymaster R. F. Leslie, 72nd Regt. S. H. of C., will act as paymaster of No. 11 Casualty Unit, New Westminster, B. C., and No. 11 Special Co., Vancouver, B. C., with effect from the 1st November, 1917, and will be taken on the strength of No. 11 Casualty Unit accordingly.

The following C. E. F. appointments are approved provisionally:

First Depot Battalion, B. C. Regt.—To be lieutenant. Lieut. A. T. Sclater, 72nd Regt. 5-12-17.

Second Depot Battalion, B. C. Regt.—To be lieutenants. Lieut. G. S. Rothwell, 88th Regt. 6-12-17. Lieut. W. G. Manson, 68th Regt. 8-12-17.

Lieut. J. K. Pitcairn is transferred from the 8th Canadian Machine Gun Corps to the 2nd Depot Battalion, B. C. Regt. 6-12-17.

Reference District Order 905, 1917, regarding the appointment of Capt. M. V. McGuire to the 2nd Depot Battalion, B. C. Regt., after the words "To be second in command" add with the rank of major.

Hon. Captain and Quartermaster A. G. N. Bradshaw, C. P. A. S. C., having reported for duty on transfer from Ottawa, will assume the duties of district barracks officer, M. D. No. 11, with effect from 1st January, 1918.

Capt. J. A. Sutherland, reserve of officers, is attached to the 13th Field Ambulance Unit, Vancouver, B. C., with effect from the 23rd ultimo, while employed on Medical Board duty.

For "J" Unit

The undermentioned officers and men are attached to "J" Unit, M. H. C. C., for treatment: Capt. E. H. Ross, 238th Forestry Battalion; Lieut. A. Mars, 29th Battalion; Lieut. A. G. Macdonald, 16th Reserve Battalion; Lieut. O. A. Huston, 27th Battalion; Lieut. L. L. Brown, 1st Canadian Tunnelling Co., C. E. F.; Lieut. F. G. Powell, 1st Reserve Battalion; Pte. C. Rawlings, 107th Regt. 24-12-17.

The following transfers are approved:

476553. Gnr. G. D. Miller, from No. 11 Special Service Co. to the 68th Depot Field Battery, C. E. F. 1-1-18. 190119. Pte. Ayers, Walter L., from the Forestry Depot, Vancouver, to the 2nd Depot Battalion, B. C. Regt. 21-12-17. 542296. Pte. Sproule, Frank C., from No. 11 Special Service Co. to the 1st Depot Battalion, B. C. Regt. 22-12-17. 2214544. Pte. Oxley, Thomas F., from the Forestry Depot, Vancouver, to the 1st Depot Battalion, B. C. Regt. 10-12-17. 626585. Pte. Brown, Charles S., from "J" Unit, M. H. C. C., to No. 11 Special Service Co. 19-12-17. 2137643. Pte. Hamilton, Andrew Y., from the 2nd Depot Battalion, B. C. Regt., to the A. M. C. T. D., No. 11. 15-12-17. 129132. Pte. Soul, Lewis J., from No. 11 Special Service Co., to the Forestry Depot, Vancouver. 22-12-17. 117000. Pte. Charles, Alfred H., from No. 11 Special Service Co. to "J" Unit, M. H. C. C. 22-12-17. 791106. Pte. Borisenok, Uskin. 443621. Pte. Ericson, John A. 2025218. Pte. Smith, Edgar M., from No. 11 Casualty Unit to No. 11 Special Service Co. 13-12-17.

Lieut. O. B. Eller, D. A. P. M., is granted the temporary rank of captain in the C. E. F. while holding his appointment as deputy assistant provost marshal, M. D. No. 11, with effect from 21-12-17.

Instructional Cadre, Infantry. Appointments, promotions, etc. No. 16333. Sergt. Instructor (Acting C. S. M.) E. Mitten, R. C. R., is confirmed in the rank and appointment of Sergt.-Instructor from the 6th November, 1916. (H. Q. 1-35-223, 11 M. D. 45-2-5-2).

The following officers are detailed for temporary duty with the Railway Service Guard: Lieut. R. C. Hanley, 104th Regt. (late 121st Battalion); Lieut. A. C. Blair, 6th Regt., D. C. O. R.

Infantry certificates are granted:

For the rank of sergeant (in the Royal Canadian Regiment). Pte. R. J. Boyd, Royal Canadian Regiment, 1054.

For the rank of sergeant: Gnr. T. C. Young, 5th Regt., C. G. A., 1955. Cpl. G. S. Kilian, Canadian Engineers, 1956. Lnce.-Cpl. J. W. Grieve, 1st Depot Battalion, B. C. Regt., 1957. Pte. A. C. Saunders, Forestry Depot, Vancouver, 1958.

IN ENGLISH HOSPITAL

Pte. Michael Burns, Well Known in Nanaimo, and Whose Family Lives Here, Now at Hartley Cottage Institution

Word has been received by Mrs. Burns that her husband, Pte. Michael Burns, who won the Military Medal in July for bravery under shell fire at Vimy Ridge, and who was wounded on October 31, is a patient at Hartley Cottage Hospital, Alexandra Park, Manchester, England.

The following is the message sent by the matron:

"Our Red Cross visitor reports that he has been badly gassed, but is making good progress and is happy. We very much hope that his progress may be quite satisfactory and that he will improve steadily."

Pte. Burns left with the 11th C.M.R. a year ago last June, reaching the trenches in January this year. He lived in Nanaimo for six years prior to enlistment, being a miner. He is 31 years of age, and his wife and three children live at 1607 Rebecca Street, this city.

DEALS WITH IMPORTANT EDUCATIONAL MATTERS

Conference of Leading Educationalists of Province Now in Session May Have Important Bearing on System.

Out of the discussion now in progress at a conference under the presidency of Hon. Dr. MacLean, Minister of Education, and at which are in attendance Professor F. W. Wesbrook, president of the University of B. C.; Dr. Alexander Robinson, superintendent of education, and representatives of the various high school staffs throughout the Province and the university faculty, will be made recommendations that will have a very important bearing upon the future educational system of the Province, chiefly to the end that there may be important changes made in the high school curriculum and a closer co-relation of the high schools with that of the university. More practical work is the aim of the Minister of Education, and from the conference he hopes to be put in possession of suggestions that will have an important bearing upon the future system of education in British Columbia.

The conference held a session yesterday morning at the legislative buildings. It was divided into five sections, each taking under consideration a branch of the subjects as follows: English and history, mathematics, modern languages, classics and science. These various branches were fully discussed at afternoon sittings of the sections and will be further dealt with this morning. From the results of the discussions a report will be prepared for submission to the Minister containing such recommendations as the conference believes should be adopted to improve the system of education throughout the Province, and on those recommendations the Government will act.

Among the subjects which the conference is discussing are the following: Suitability of text books now in use and uniformity of text books used in the high schools and university; revision of examination papers by an advisory committee; the jurisdiction of the university and the Department of Education in relation to high school education; examinations for non-professional certificates of first, second and third class and academic classes; extension of the present three year to a four year course; languages, compulsory and optional, required for entrance to the university for teachers' certificates; matriculation examinations to the university, etc.

SETTLE WITH OFFICER

Registrar Lennie Refers Enquirers Re Extension of Exemption Under Military Service Act to Depot Batt. O. C.

"I am constantly receiving requests from men subject to call for a few days' exemption of time to clean up some business they have in hand. I have replied in all cases that that is a matter which will have to be taken up with the officer commanding the Depot Battalion," writes Registrar Lennie to Major Seely-Smith, general staff officer, Victoria, re the conscripts under the Military Service Act.

Registrar Lennie states that he is replying to the same effect to requests for information as to the allowance that is to be made to dependents. Major Seely-Smith announces that dependents of drafted men of all ranks below that of warrant officer will receive separation allowance of $25 a month dating from the day that the men report for service.

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FIRST DRAFT DUE

Eighty-five Men Under Military Service Act Will Reach 2nd Depot Battalion, Willows, on January 3

Major Major, commandant of 2nd Depot Battalion, the Willows Camp, has received intimation to the effect that about 85 men will report on January 3 as the first draft of recruits under the Military Service Act. Subsequently every two or three days drafts of 100 men will come in until 1,000 is reached.

About 26 voluntary recruits under the Military Service Act have reported at the 2nd Depot Battalion during the last few weeks.

ESTABLISHING HOMES FOR HALIFAX ORPHANS

Mrs. Gooderham, National President, I.O.D.E., Says Money Sent Through Order for Relief Work Will Be Used.

The following letter from Mrs. Gooderam, national president, has just been received at the head office of the Provincial Chapter, I. O. D. E., and will be forwarded in due course to all chapters. Meanwhile the members of the I. O. D. E. will be glad to receive the New Year's message which it brings to them from their national president, and also to know that their contribution towards the Halifax appeal is destined to go towards such a purpose:

"I should like your chapter to know that soon after the Halifax disaster the National Executive sent $500 from the general fund to Mrs. F. H. Sexton, municipal regent of Halifax, with the request that she would let the executive know in what way the order could help further. In a few days Mrs. Sexton replied, thanking us for our kind sympathy and generous donation, and saying that they were establishing a Daughters of the Empire Home in Halifax for unclaimed children. You will be glad to know that the money you send in response to the national appeal for Halifax will be devoted to the care of these little orphaned children.

"I should like to thank you all once more for your prompt and generous response to this and all other appeals. Wishing you all success, and may God grant you renewed strength for your work in the coming year.

(Signed) "MARY R. GOODERHAM."

EVAPORATING PLANTS AT END OF ORDERS

Mainland Vegetable Preserving Factories Anxious About Prospects of the Future—War Contracts Expected.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 28.—After being for many months in the position of having orders in hand, which would ensure them running constantly for months ahead, the Coast vegetable evaporating plants are practically at the end of their last Government orders and are now endeavoring to line up fresh contracts. The Graham factory at Marpole has filled the orders and the big evaporating plant at New Westminster is rapidly drawing toward the end of its contracts. War orders caused the rapid growth in the evaporating industry of this Province, new plants springing up in the Interior and on the Coast, all being kept busy to the full capacity of the available supplies. The armies of the world still have to be rationed, and it is expected that more orders will be shortly forthcoming, but the change in government is said to be one of the factors in the failure to renew orders. The orders have come through Government channels, and it is supposed that as soon as things settle down at Ottawa the British Columbia plants will receive orders which will keep the drying plants operating at top capacity.

New Orleans Celebration

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 28.—The bi-centennial celebration of the founding of New Orleans, set for February 9-11, has been postponed until April 27-29. Inability of the Bishop of Orleans of France to visit the United States in February, and failure of plans to completely restore the old St. Louis cathedral here by February were given as reasons for the postponement.

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RETURNED YESTERDAY

Cpl. A. H. Munn, of the 1st Canadian Pioneers, and Pte. Powers, of the 102nd Battalion, arrived yesterday afternoon from Vancouver, being two of the big party of returned soldiers who reached the Coast on Wednesday night. By the morning boat yesterday there came Pte. A. Ward (102nd Battalion), Pte. J. Kelly (29th Battalion) and Pte. W. T. Hall (102nd Battalion), all of whom have just concluded ten days' furlough on the Mainland visiting their relatives before reporting at the Military Hospital Headquarters, Esquimalt, on their return from overseas.

Major Harvey came back yesterday morning also, having been over to the Mainland for a few days in connection with "J" Unit matters.

TELLS OF 1917 WORK DONE IN ESQUIMALT

Reeve Coles Issues Statement Describing Year's Activities —Sewer System Now Practically Completed.

Reeve Coles has furnished The Colonist with a statement, telling of the progress made in the municipality of Esquimalt during the past year. The auditor's report, giving details of the corporation's financial standing, said to be exceptionally satisfactory in spite of war conditions, will be issued in a few days. The reeve's statement follows:

"There has been no new development work carried out in the district during the past year, owing to the council feeling that retrenchment was necessary during the war.

"The roads have been maintained in a good state of efficiency, and new macadam trails have only been put where absolutely necessary.

"In order to have the necessary material for the roads the Council let a contract for 3,000 yards of rock, 1,400 yards of which were taken from the Lampson Street school grounds, thereby adding about half an acre of additional playground for the school. A considerable portion of the rock will be available for the roads during 1918.

"The sanitary conditions have also greatly improved, and many houses have been connected with the sewer and had plumbing connections installed. Many yet still remain unconnected, but the policy of the Council has been, where no nuisance exists, to have granted extension of time in these cases.

"The medical health officer, Dr. Boak, reports the health of the district as being first class.

"The Council directed an action to be taken against Thos. E. Young, the contractor, for section A of the sewer system on account of irregularities in furnishing estimates, which apparently had been falsified to the extent of roughly, $6,000. The case was tried in April before Mr. Justice Murphy, who returned a verdict in favor of the Corporation and gave judgment for the refund of the monies to the extent of some $4,500.

"Mr. H. F. Bourne, who was appointed municipal engineer at the beginning of the year, in place of Mr. C. H. Topp, who resigned, has carried out the work of his department in a most satisfactory manner. A considerable amount of permanent records have been completed by him during the year, so that the sewer system is now practically completed and on file in the office.

"The work of the collector, Mr. G. H. Pullen, has, as usual, been maintained in the highest degree.

"I take this opportunity of thanking the members of the council and staff for their loyal support during the past year."

Death List Now 21

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 28.—The death list of Monday's street car accident was increased to 21 tonight, when P. Rosenfelter, of this city, succumbed to injuries received in the wreck. Investigation into the cause of the disaster, being conducted by state and county authorities, continues.

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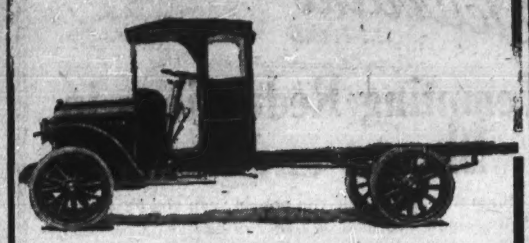
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THE CITY AND DISTRICT IN BRIEF

"Friendly Help Gifts"—The secretary of the Friendly Help Association very gratefully acknowledges the following anonymous gifts which have come to hand during the Christmas holidays and which prove very timely in view of the pressing needs in some of the poorer homes of the city at the present time: One was a gift of $10, the other two $5 bills.

"Little Mary Sunshine"—The W. A. of the S. P. C. A. are very grateful to Mr. Murdock, proprietor of the Variety Theatre, for so generously allowing the use of the theatre on the mornings of December 28 and 29, where "Little Mary Sunshine" and the Humane Treatment of Animals is being shown to all children belonging to the Band of Mercy. They are equally grateful to Mrs. Rush and Mrs. and Miss Heatherbell for kindly furnishing the music.

Leave Shops to Government—The police commissioners are not going to get themselves mixed up in the argument as to what should be done about shops of a certain class permitted to keep open Saturday afternoons, but which take advantage of their privilege and sell articles supposedly on the Saturday afternoon prohibited list. The commissioners yesterday decided to keep their hands off the whole business as the Provincial Government, according to reliable reports, is considering taking action and amending the shops regulations.

W. A. to Entertain Children—The children of members of the Women's Auxiliary to the Great War Veterans' Association will be entertained right royally a week from today, according to the plans of the members who have arranged many unusually attractive amusements for the young people. The lists opened several days ago for the registration of children, whose mothers are members of the auxiliary, have now been closed. A special business meeting of the auxiliary has been called for next Wednesday evening in the club rooms, to commence at 7:30 o'clock, at which final arrangements will be completed.

Had Been Tried Once—Holding that as they had been tried once he could not review the acts of another magistrate, Magistrate Jay, in the police court yesterday morning, ordered A. Lloyd Griffiths and Nathan B. Barnhardt to be released from custody. They were arraigned on a charge of being deserters from a battalion in the Kootenays. They had appeared before the Cranbrook magistrate, who ordered them to be turned over to the military authorities to be tried. Mr. J. S. Brandon, acting for the two men, recited the facts and argued that they could not be tried again for the same offence. City Prosecutor Harrison gave it as his opinion that the Cranbrook magistrate had acted wrongly in recording a conviction and that he should, instead, have referred the matter to the general officer commanding in the district. Magistrate Jay did not enter a conviction and ordered the two men to be set at liberty, but later they were taken in charge by the military authorities.

Merchants Fined—Fines were imposed by the magistrate in the police court yesterday morning upon twenty merchants charged with a breach of the Weekly Half-Holiday Act in that they kept their places of business open on Saturday afternoon last. For a first offence fines of $10 each were levied upon Victoria Book & Stationery Company, Mitchell & Duncan, W. Moromoto, Mearns & Fuller, F. W. Woolworth & Co., J. Katz, F. W. Francis, Gordon Drysdale Co. and Charlie Oy Tong. In the case of those firms whose second offence it was, fines of $30 were levied on the following: David Spencer, Limited; J. H. Richardson, J. M. Whitney & Co., Angus Campbell & Co., T. N. Hibben & Co., Gordon's, Limited; Spence, Doherty & Co.; James Maynard, O'Connell's, Ltd.; Lee Dye & Co., and J. M. Nagano & Co. The plea of Mr. R. C. Lowe, counsel for Lee Dye & Co. and J. M. Nagano & Co., that those concerns had given their employees a holiday on the previous Wednesday bore no weight with the magistrate who pointed out that the act could not be violated by arrangement such as that suggested and who held that Mr. Lowe's argument that the act was ultra vires as it was an interference with the powers of the Federal Parliament, was not apposite.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETS

Emergency Gathering of Trustees Names Mr. W. W. Northcott, Returning Officer for Forthcoming Election

At an emergency meeting of the Victoria Board of School Trustees, held in the Board Room, City Hall, at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, for the purpose of nominating a returning officer for the forthcoming election, to be held simultaneously with the general election, Mr. W. W. Northcott was named. Dr. Hudson's seat on the Board was declared vacant, in accordance with formal procedure, and the names of Dr. Lewis Hall and Messrs. George Jay, J. D. Hay and Deaville were read as being four other trustees whose retirement takes place automatically with the expiration of their term of office. Dr. Hall has declined to stand for re-election. Being an emergency meeting called for a specific purpose, the proceedings were brief. Mr. George Jay, the chairman, presided.

AMERICAN MILLERS ENDORSE REGULATON

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 28.—More than 200 members of the Southwestern Millers' League conferring here today with A. J. Hunt, chairman of the milling division of the food administration, concerning the new milling regulations that became effective this week, adopted resolutions approving the measures taken and pledged support to the food administration. The resolution set forth the belief of the millers that the regulation of their industry as proposed is "a sound measure for the conservation of wheat and the stabilization of the flour prices."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Simpson agnounces dances New Year's Eve and New Year's night in the new Hippodrome Hall. Good orchestra; refreshments.

The 5th Regiment Band, assisted by Miss Lillian Haggerty in vocal solos, will present an excellent programme Sunday evening in the Royal Victoria Theatre, commencing at 8:45 o'clock.

IS PURCHASING AGENT

Appointment in Provincial Service Goes to Mr. James Paterson, Yates Street Wholesaler

Mr. James Paterson, member of the wholesale firm of Paterson Bros., lower Yates Street has been appointed to the position of purchasing agent, the new office created by the legislation passed at the last session of the Legislature. With the filling of the office the appointments under the Audit Act, by which was provided the reorganization of the auditing branch under the comptroller general, have been completed. The appointment was decided upon at a meeting of the executive council, held on Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Paterson has been a resident of Victoria for nearly thirty years. Prior to coming here he was for five years buyer for the Hudson's Bay Company, with headquarters at Winnipeg. For several years after taking up his residence here he was buyer for the Ames-Holden Company and later was head of the Paterson Shoe Company, Limited. Ten years ago he and his late brother, Mr. D. M. Paterson, formed the firm of Paterson Bros., wholesale merchants, which business he has conducted up to the present.

DISTRIBUTING CARDS

Women's Institutes of Province Are Doing a Great Deal to Help in Distribution of Food Conservation Pledges

Reports being received at the Department of Agriculture indicate that splendid work is being done by the members of the Women's Institutes in the matter of distribution of food conservation pledge cards. All the districts of the Province have been thoroughly organized and members are visiting every house urging on them the necessity of conserving exportable foodstuffs by using perishable products as much as possible as substitutes and by avoiding all waste Evidently the women of the Province generally, and the members of the Women's Institutes, in particular in the country districts, have appreciated the seriousness of the problem with which the Motherland and the countries of the Allies are faced in the matter of food requirements, and are prepared to make every effort to help in any possible way.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Major and Mrs. C. L. Roberts are guests at the Empress Hotel. Mrs. Roberts has just returned from England, where she has been visiting her relations.

Lieut. W. P. Beavan was with the returned soldiers arriving Thursday afternoon. His little sons, carrying bouquets for the nursing sisters, were among those who met him at the gangway.

Plans for the children's fancy dress ball, to be held under the auspices of the Navy League Chapter, I. O. D. E., on Friday evening, January 4, predict a delightful evening of fun and entertainment for the members of the younger set. In addition to the attractive dance programme a number of fancy dances will be interpreted by young artists during the intervals and the assembling of the children for the buffet supper. The ever-popular grand march will be a very pretty feature of the affair. Mrs. Mortimer Appleby has organized the details for the event, which promises to equal if not eclipse all previous affairs of its kind for sheer enjoyment. The proceeds will be devoted to the patriotic work of the chapter.

The handsome pedigreed Persian kitten donated to the Blue Cross by Mrs. Gwynne Meredith, has been raffled and won by ticket No. 79, held by Mrs. A. T. Monteith, of 1145 McClure Street. Mr. Charles Farrell, of 1602 Johnson Street, who held ticket No. 112, has won the pair of bantams also raffled by the Blue Cross.

The members of the "J" Unit Chapter, I.O.D.E., are exerting every effort to make the dance to be given on New Year's Eve an outstanding success among the social affairs arranged for the holiday season. The dance is being given in the ballroom of Alexandra House and has the patronage of Major-General Leckie, C.M.G., Major and Mrs. J. S. Harvey, and Major and Mrs. Major. The proceeds from the affair will be devoted to the chapter's work of providing comforts and delicacies for the men in the military convalescent hospitals.

Miss Catherine Irving, of the Victoria Normal School, is spending her vacation with her parents in Nelson.

Miss Olga Freeman, of the staff of the Workmen's Compensation Board, spent the Christmas week-end at the home of her parents in Rossland.

Captain Basil Aylmer, O.C. at Qualicum Military Convalescent Hospital, accompanied by Mrs. Aylmer, has been visiting his father, Lord Aylmer, at Queen's Bay, in the Kootenay district, for the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. Witter and their small daughter, Ruth, have returned home after a visit with friends in Ladysmith.

A very interesting ceremony took place in Christ Church Cathedral on Wednesday afternoon, when Miss Augusta Noerenburg, formerly of Winnipeg, was married to Mr. James Nelson Rogers, of Victoria, who has recently returned from the front. The ceremony was performed by The Very Rev. Dean Quainton. Mrs. L. Beamish attended the bride. The wedding was very quiet and was witnessed by a few of the more intimate friends of the young couple, who were afterwards entertained to a wedding breakfast. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, on their return from their honeymoon, will make their home in Victoria.

The Hon. J. A. Macdonald, Administrator of the Province during the absence of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, will hold the usual New Year's reception at Government House on Tuesday afternoon from 3 to 6 p.m.

Mr. Dudley Geohegan, of Victoria, has been spending a few days in Vancouver.

Mr. Arthur Thynne, of Vancouver, is visiting friends in the city for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Clute, of New Westminster, are spending a holiday in the city, the guests of their daughter, Mrs. C. J. Fagan.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Speirs have been spending a few days' holiday in Vancouver and were guests at the Hotel Vancouver during their stay.

Miss Helen Badgley has come over to Victoria to remain over the New Year's week-end. While here she will coach the local High School students in the Shakespearian comedy "As You Like It," to be produced shortly.

On Tuesday next, New Year's night, an informal dance will be given under the auspices of the Britannia Lodge of the Orange Benevolent Society, in the Knights of Pythias Hall, North Park Street. The proceeds from the affair will be given to the Halifax Relief Fund. Heaton's orchestra will provide the music for the dancing, which will be in progress from 9 to 1 o'clock. A buffet supper will be served.

The associate, active and student members of the Ladies' Musical Club may rest assured of a delightful entertainment at the musical tea to be given this afternoon in the Empress Hotel. This is the second of a series of social teas inaugurated by the club this season to promote a broader acquaintance among its members. Interesting features of today's programme will be a paper on musical instruments to be read by Mrs. Arthur Mayne, and a 'cello selection by Miss Maud Scruby, while vocal solos will be rendered by a number of the younger members. Afternoon tea will be served.

Mr. F. N. Darke and Mrs. Darke and children Trevlyn and Clarence are visitors in the city from Regina. They will reside at the Empress Hotel for the next few weeks.

THE WEATHER

Meteorological Office, Victoria, B. C., at 8 p. m., December 28, 1917.

SYNOPSIS

The barometer is falling in advance of an ocean storm area which is causing southerly gales on the coast, and these may extend to the Straits and Sound. Heavy rains have again occurred both here and on the Lower Mainland, and milder weather has spread northward and will extend eastward to Kootenay. Intense cold continues in the Prairie Provinces, and here temperatures have extended to the State of Kansas.

TEMPERATURE

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	40	44
Vancouver	36	42
Prince Rupert	32	40
Portland	44	..
San Francisco	50	..
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MINNEAPOLIS Dec. 28.—Five members of the executive committee of the Twin City Milk Producers' Association were indicted by the Hennepin County grand jury today, charged with violation of the state anti-trust laws. It is understood the association fixed the price and controlled the supply of milk in Minneapolis.

COUNCIL TURNS DOWN NEW CHILDREN'S HOME

Think Time Unpropitious and Money Costs Too Much Now, Anyway—Old Residences Offered City Cheap.

Ratepayers of Victoria will not be given a chance to decide by ballot next month whether Victoria is to have a modern home for the Children's Aid Society. The aldermen sitting in secret session turned down the proposal of the officers of the society to borrow $35,000 for the institution. Aldermen Johns and Peden were the only members of the board to vote for the improvement.

Other aldermen declared that the time was unpropitious for a new building for the Children's Aid, no matter how necessary officers of the society said the improvement was this year. They said the time was unfavorable to borrow money, pointing out that to raise $30,000 for the building proper, the by-law would have to be put through for $35,000 to allow for the discount on the bonds. The aldermen also said it was an "obvious impossibility" for the Council to sanction such a by-law with such a short time, less than three weeks before election day, in which to consider it. They said the proposal should be approached carefully and not rushed at.

As soon as it became known that the proposal was being considered by the Council, a Victoria real estate firm offered two houses, declaring them to be almost ideal for a Children's Aid home. One building was a sixteen-roomed house which the city can have outright for $7,000 and the other the home of the late Hon. William Templeman just off Beacon Hill Park. This a building of twelve rooms and the price is $10,000.

LONG ILLNESS CLAIMS PIONEER EDUCATOR

Mr. John Wesley Church, Headmaster of Corrig College, Dies—Was Scholar of Many Attainments.

Mr. John Wesley Church, M.A., for years headmaster of Corrig College, Beacon Hill, and one of the pioneer educators of the Province, died early yesterday morning at St. Joseph's Hospital after a year's illness.

Mr. Church was born in England 56 years ago. He was a prizeman, scholar, and master of arts of Durham University, a first class in the theological examinations of the University of Cambridge, and a student in philosophy of the University of Edinburgh. He held a diploma from the Lords of the Committee of the Council on Education as science master, and achieved the distinction of having coached and passed over 200 candidates in the university matriculation and degree examinations for Cambridge and Durham locals while in the Old Country.

Came Here in 1890

Mr. Church was headmaster at the Middlesbrough Grammar School, in Yorkshire, from 1884 to 1890, and in the Summer of the latter year he came out to Victoria, where he became associated with Rev. C. J. Brenton, M.A., in the conduct of Corrig College. Not long afterwards Mr. Church assumed full control of the institution, and many prominent citizens of Victoria were coached by him.

He is survived by a widow, who is a daughter of Mr. William Wilson, of this city, and two sons, William and Clive.

The funeral has been arranged to take place from the home, 46 Douglas Street, at 2:15 p.m., Sunday, and services will be held fifteen minutes later at Christ Church Cathedral. Burial will be in Ross Bay Cemetery.

SUGGESTS SCHOLARSHIPS

Dr. Malcolm McEachern Submits Some Progressive Views for Consideration by Vancouver General Hospital Board

At the meeting of the Vancouver General Hospital Board of Directors, held on Thursday evening, Dr. McEachern, superintendent of the institution, submitted a few suggestions for the solution of hospital problems, some of them of a very radical nature, which excited considerable comment and discussion. The present hospital system was not all that could be desired so far as financing was concerned. The only proper and just system would be one of distributed taxation so that each patient would be allowed care and treatment to the extent of $2 per day, any extra accommodation to be paid for by the patient. This would, it was maintained, abolish collection systems and would give all classes equal privileges in respect to special tests and treatment.

A suggestion was also made that arrangements be made with the University of British Columbia to establish a chair of nursing and that nurses be encouraged to take post-graduate and special advanced courses in certain lines through the offer of scholarships which would amount to about $250 each and should embrace such branches as surgery, infectious diseases, midwifery, pediatrics, eye, ear, nose, and throat.

Dr. McLean, Minister of Education, when questioned by The Colonist, stated that he had not yet been officially approached by the hospital authorities in Vancouver on this subject of nurses' scholarships, but he intimated that in any event there were other matters of more pressing need to be considered at the present time.

MINISTERS RECEIVE

Arrangements for the New Year's Day reception which will be held by the Premier and members of the cabinet and their wives have been completed. The reception will be held in the Connaught Library from 4 to 6 o'clock and, as was the case last New Year's Day, a large attendance of Victorians is expected. Light refreshments will be served in one of the adjoining rooms.

The arrangements for the event are in the hands of Provincial Librarian E. O. S. Scholefield.

NOW TOTALS $1,068

Farmers' and Women's Institutes and Other Agricultural Bodies of Province Responding Generously to Appeal

The British Empire Agricultural Relief of the Allies' Fund, started by the British and French Governments in co-operation with the Overseas Dominions with the view of establishing a sum which might be used toward the rehabilitation of farmers in the war-devastated areas, has now reached the sum of $1,068 in British Columbia, the Department of Agriculture announces. This amount has been collected among the Farmers' and Women's Institutes and other agricultural bodies in the Province, a similar movement being afoot in all the other Provinces of the Dominion. Although contributions from all over Canada are supposed to be sent to headquarters by the end of February subscriptions sent later will be forwarded. The list is headed by His Majesty the King, and His Excellency the Duke of Devonshire is patron.

ALDERMEN PRUNE HIGH ESTIMATES

Aldermen in their first secret session on the 1918 budget cut off items amounting to $10,900 and added expenditure of $1,000, bringing down the total estimated expenditure for the coming year to $1,756,588.41. The expenditure last year was $1,724,743.21.

The police expenditure for 1918 was cut from $74,170 to $73,930. The present year's expenditure has been $75,685.35. The police department shows the greatest proportionate decrease in expenditure, although the salary increases allowed a couple of months ago will run for full twelve months instead of quarter of the period as during 1917. A large amount of the saving in police expenditure come from the cutting down of the fuel and heat item through a rearrangement of the plant at the police station.

LEGISLATURE TO MEET ON FEBRUARY SEVEN

Date of Assembling of Next Session Is Announced by the Government — By-elections to Be Held Previously.

Announcement that the 1918 session of the Provincial Legislature will assemble on Thursday afternoon, February 7, was made by Hon. Dr. MacLean, Provincial Secretary and Minister of Education, yesterday following a meeting of the executive council at which the matter was discussed. The official proclamation calling the session will appear in next week's Provincial Gazette.

The above date will bring the assembling of the Legislature at a date somewhat later than usual. Heretofore, with one or two exceptions, it has been customary for the Legislature to gather about the middle of January.

With the announcement of the opening date of the session the dates of the by-elections will shortly be forthcoming, probably on Monday next. It is expected that they will be held on or about January 25.

YOUNGSTERS ROMP

Christmas week has always been a festive season for both old and young, but the brief respite from school provided a splendid opportunity to arrange entertainments for their special benefit, and this week has been no exception to the rule, for never was better provision made for their enjoyment than during the past few days. Yesterday more than 200 children, accompanied by their mothers, enjoyed the many attractive features arranged by the King's Daughters for the Christmas party held at the Alexandra House. The children gathered in the large ballroom, effectively arranged with evergreens and Yuletide decorations, to participate in the old-fashioned games. There was first and foremost in interest a real Punch and Judy show that produced continual merriment, and a plum pudding served in generous helpings with a bran pie which yielded many pretty little novelties for the babies. These features were in charge of Miss Bertha Morley and Miss Billinghurst. During the afternoon Mme. Barbara Fay interpreted a classic dance, Miss Mollie Hibben gave a swan dance, while Miss Kate Renwick in Welsh costume contributed the national dance of that country. Mr. L. D. McLean and Mr. Harold Diggon entertained the children for several minutes with a number of interesting stunts. Tea was served in the large room upstairs, the tables being prettily decorated with miniature Christmas trees and colored candles. The tea arrangements were in charge of Mrs. Charles E. Gardiner and the following members of her committee: Mrs. Hearn, Mrs. Archibald, Mrs. Harrap, Miss Sorby, Mrs. Sears, Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. Durick, Mrs. Hiscocks and Mrs. G. Powell. Mrs. L. H. Hardie and Mrs. H. A. S. Morley supervised the general arrangements for the affair. The house committee was: Mrs. F. Moore, Mrs. A. T. Purser and Mrs. Errington, while Mrs. Willis Dean and Miss Thain formed the entertainment committee. Rev. H. T. Archbod and Rev. A. deB. Owen assisted in the various games.

SEEK JAIL RE-OPENING

Representations by the police commissioners of the city, Saanich, Esquimalt and Oak Bay, backed up by support from the naval and military authorities will probably be made to the Provincial Government to the end that the Wilkerson Road Provincial jail may be reopened. A request to the adjoining municipal bodies and the military and naval authorities to join with the city was decided upon at a meeting of the board of police commissioners of the city which met yesterday to discuss the question of what shall be done in respect of prisoners who are serving time in the city lockup because of the recent action of the Province in closing the Provincial institution.

At the present time there are confined at police headquarters several prisoners who, were the Provincial jail open, would be detained there where adequate accommodation would be available. The lack of proper facilities at the police station has been demonstrated in respect of the prisoners now being held there and with a number of prisoners being held for naval and military authorities a situation has arisen which the commissioners believe requires attention. Those prisoners can be sent to the Oakhalls Prison Farm on the Mainland, but apparently the cost of their transportation must be paid by the city, and that means an expense which the city does not wish to incur.

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Record rainfall is being experienced in Victoria this month. With only 1¼ inches to go to exceed the fall in December of 1895, which was the heaviest for this point since records have been kept, and three full days in which to accumulate that amount, it looked last night as though December, 1917, is going to show outstanding rainfall and at the same time cast some suspicion on the many good things that have been said about Victoria's Winter climate.

The total rainfall for the present month, taken up to 8:30 last night, was given out at the Gonzales Heights Observatory as 10.95 inches. The average December rain for Victoria, for the past 43 years, is 4.34 inches. It is a fact, however, that the weather sometimes goes to the other extreme, as is shown by the December record in 1914, which was but little over one-half an inch for the whole month. The precipitation last night was at the rate of nearly that much every three hours.

The whole Coast region is under the influence of a new area of low barometer centred to the north of Vancouver Island. The temperature at Prince Rupert rose from a minimum of 22 degrees yesterday morning to 40 degrees in the afternoon, and proportionate tendencies away from the freezing point were reported from all the points of the Mainland bordering on the Pacific seaboard. The highest day temperature in this city was 44 degrees, but at 8:30 last night the maximum stood at 46. Further south, in the State of Washington, Seattle's minimum was 54, and at Portland, Oregon, the morning temperature was 60. Conditions last last night offered little promise for a lessening of the rate of precipitation to any great extent today so far as his locality is concerned, for easterly and southerly winds, warm temperatures, moisture laden atmosphere from the sea and an intensely cold upper air, make a combination of conditions which is most prolific of persistent rainfall.

WINS HER A MOTOR CAR

Pretty Miss Ethel Curran, of 216 Moss Street, youngest of the fifteen competitors in the grand finals in the bean-guessing at O'Connell's, Ltd., yesterday won the five-passenger Overland car. She will take her car home with her today if the weather is fine.

The fifteen who on Wednesday guessed the correct number of 2,296 beans in the bottle that has been in the shop window for the last couple of months, met at the store yesterday after lunch to decide who should get the car. Some favored selling the car and sharing the money and grew quite heated in their argument. Finally Mr. O'Connel stepped in with a small bottle and suggested another test of bean guessing ability.

The beans in the battle numbered 464. Miss Curran looked the bottle over every way, did a little quick estimating, and then put down her guess at 463—only one bean out.

The guess of the Hon. John Hart, Minister of Finance, was more than 100 out, being 356. Other guesses were: George Brady, 496; James Hunter, 478; G. Furness, 405; A. W. Robson, 186; Mrs. W. H. P. Sweeney, 321; H. A. Dibble, 227; L. W. Slade, 597; J. Wachter, 387; Miss Marie Sweeney, 360; Dr. Bryant, 233; Mrs. J. Montgomery, 326; J. A. Bland, 565; James Woods, 665.

Some of those who had struck the winning number on the first guess held as many as 600 tickets, it was learned yesterday.

LAW STUDENTS' APPEALS

Mr. Justice Duff, of Supreme Appeal Tribunal, Decides That Studies of This Class Not of National Importance

The "test" case in connection with the exemption or non-exemption of law students has recently been decided by Mr. Justice Duff in the highest exemption appeal court in the Dominion. An intimation has been given that this court will not grant exemption to law students on the ground that their studies are of national importance. The case in question was that of a Quebec student named George Gauthier, whose appeal for six months' exemption in which to complete his studies has been refused.

"It is not in the national interest that a law student should be exempted in order to complete his professional training," said Mr. Justice Duff. "It is plain that no question of national interest is involved. This young man's work as a lawyer cannot be of serious importance to the nation in existing circumstances, while there is pressing need for his services as a soldier. There is literally no ground for holding that his case falls within the provisions quoted."

A decision by Mr. Justice Duff in a "test" case of bank clerks is being awaited by several of the judges in appeal tribunals throughout Canada, most of which have deferred judgment in cases of appeals of the kind, pending the verdict of the higher court.

CHINAMAN CONVICTED

Oriental Bootlegger Who Was Caught Red-Handed Selling Liquor to Indians Gets Prison Terms

Chung, a Chinaman who, on two previous occasions, was convicted and sentenced to prison terms for selling liquor to Indians, was again disciplined in the police court yesterday morning when he was convicted of selling liquor to Johnny Whonnock, an Indian, and sentenced to a term of four months in jail on one count and a fine of $100, or in default two months in jail, on a second count, the sentences to be consecutive. On a charge of selling liquor to a second Indian, Edward Hulbertson, Chung was found guilty and fined $100 and costs with the option of four months in jail.

The cases were the outcome of investigations by Dominion Indian Constable O'Connell, who caught the Indians at Duncan last week in possession of a quantity of rye whisky. He brought them to Victoria and, with the assistance of Constable Munro of the city force, arrested Chung, to whom the Indians applied for more liquor. The Chinaman was caught red-handed.

REVIVAL CAMPAIGN ISSUES STATEMENT

The committee of the Victoria Evangelistic Movement has expressed its thanks to all those who, in various ways, supported the movement. Special mention has been made of the following: Messrs. David Spencer & Co., Mitchell & Duncan, The Victoria Furniture Co., The Victoria Tugboat Co., Fletcher Bros., The Salvation Army, Mr. Phillips, of Woolworth's, the Mayor and City Council, the B. C. Electric, "The Stove King," and all who extended hospitality to the members of the staff, and to the army of voluntary workers, on the building, in the meetings and in the choir. The committee feels exceedingly grateful for the support which enabled it to meet all its financial liabilities. The committee members are Mr. D. W. Hanbury, chairmon; Rev. Arthur deB. Owen, Capt. George McGregor, Mr. F. O. T. Hodges, Rev. J. G. Inkster, Mr. J. C. Hoyle, and Mr. Seabrook Young.

The financial report follows:

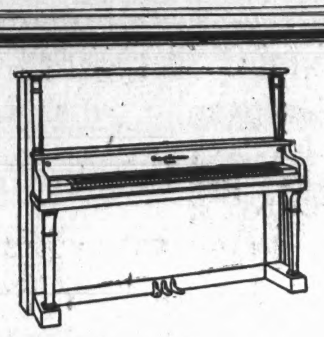
Receipts

Donations, $3,188.24; collections, $2,841.15; sale of tabernacle, $190; sale of lumber, etc., $11.85; fire insurance refund, $1.10; special donation for Dr. Oliver, $50. Total, $6,282.34.

Expenditure

Building and site, $2,147.25; printing and advertising, $1,032.26; workers' salaries and travellers' expenses, $1,744.45; water, light and heat, $226.51; entertainment, $462.85; office salaries and expenses, $387.92; general expenses, Yates Street room, rest room, and Courtenay Street hall, $231.10; Dr. Oliver special donation, $50. Total, $6,282.34.

The above has been examined and found correct by Mr. J. L. Grimison, hon. auditor, and Mr. W. H. Fisher, secretary-treasurer.



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OBITUARY NOTICES

The funeral of the late, Baby Victor Floran Rolfe takes place today at 2:30, from the B. C. Funeral Chapel, where service will be conducted by the Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick. Interment will take place in Ross Bay Cemetery.

The funeral of the late Capt. William Alexander Campbell took place yesterday from the B.C. Funeral Chapel, at 2:30 o'clock, and was largely attended. Service was conducted in the chapel by the Rev. F. H. Fatt and Rev. Capt. Campbell, D.D., who also officiated at the graveside. Two hymns were sung: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" and "Peace, Perfect Peace." Major J. S. Harvey and Major Fayne and many other officers and men were present. The body was carried to the cemetery on a gun carriage, the casket being draped with the Union Jack, and the carriages following being covered with many beautiful floral tributes, among those noticed being a large pillow from "J" Unit and another design from the Great War Veterans. A large escort preceded the casket to Ross Bay Cemetery, followed by the band and firing party. Three volleys were fired over the grave, and the bugler sounded the "Last Post." The following brother officers acted as pallbearers: Major M. V. McGuire, Major L. Bullock-Webster, Capt. R. Cullen, Lieut. J. R. Pitcairn, Lieut. E. Townsend, and Lieut. C. S. Griffin, M.C.



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Mummery Joins Toronto

TORONTO, Dec. 28.—Harry Mummery, the big defense man who played with the Quebecs last year, reported to Manager Querrie last night. Mummery will go to Montreal with the Torontos and may be used against the Canadiens on Saturday.

ROMANO
TODAY
Marie La Varre
IN
"The Crimson Dove"
Miss La Varre is one of the headliners at Pantages this week. She was formerly star in the New York Winter Garden productions.
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COLUMBIA
TODAY
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in
"Her Country's Call"
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VARIETY
TODAY
The Life of Lord Kitchener

DOMINION
ALL THIS WEEK
Constance Talmadge
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Lord Lansdowne's Letter and the British Press

Below is given a selection of opinions from the London and provincial Press upon the pacifist letter from Lord Lansdowne, which appeared in The Colonist on November 29. It will be seen that, while many realize the sincerity of purpose which animates his lordship, most agree that the publication of such a letter was inopportune:

Daily Telegraph

Lord Lansdowne is one of our elder statesmen, and his right to express his views upon the present situation no reasonable person would deny, however much he may differ from some of the premises and conclusions. We have made no secret of our attitude towards the communication; it embraces agreement with the writer's main principle, the co-ordination and elucidation of the Allied war aims, but disagreement on several points raised in the long and able examination of the present situation in Europe and the possibilities which it holds.

Morning Post

And here is the real mischief of Lord Lansdowne's pedantic folly, that it gilds the German fetters with fine phrases and spreads a camouflage of words over a proposal to surrender. It is the sort of solemn mental hypocrisy in which all those who are secretly reconciled to the victory of Germany will be glad to seek refuge. And that is the chief mischief of this appeal: it will give a shelter and a standard to all those who are working, consciously and unconsciously, for the betrayal of the Allied cause. For that reason it is important to know—as is already appearing—that Lord Lansdowne has no sort of backing among responsible people in this country.

Times

It is not wonderful, in view of this extraordinary foolish and mischievous letter, that Professor Delbruck and other Germans should have recently named Lord Lansdowne—in very incongruous company, it is true—as a pillar of the peace party for which they diligently seek among us. Now they will affect to be more than ever convinced that such a party exists, and that he is its leader. He will have misled them.

Daily Express

We can see no useful purpose to be served by Lord Lansdowne's letter. His great record of national service and the deservedly high esteem in which he is held by his fellow-countrymen make it but too possible that it will be interpreted in an altogether misleading spirit by our Allies, as well as by Germany.

Daily Mail

The manifesto which he published yesterday cannot be dismissed as the impulsive act of an aged statesman who has lost his grip on realities. It is evidently a preconcerted move by which Lord Lansdowne has placed the prestige of his name at the service of those who do not believe that the war can be won by military and economic pressure and who believe that negotiations with Germany can lead to a stable and satisfactory peace.

Daily News

There must be no misunderstanding of what the Lansdowne policy means. It spells no sacrifice of the permanent and primary aims of the war. It admits of no condonation of Germany's crimes. It countenances no betrayal of Belgium, of Serbia, of the small and unprotected nations whose security the Allies have pledged themselves to re-establish. But it opposes to the ideal of military victory at any cost the ideal of security by the swiftest and most effective means.

Globe

It was always inevitable that at some most critical moment of the war, when it was all-important for patriotic Britons to make an extra special effort, one or other of our "great, wise and eminent," Mugwumps would emerge from his shell for the purpose of "queering" the national pitch.

Evening Standard

We assume that Lord Lansdowne is, like ourselves, resolved on pursuing the war to a successful conclusion. We think no phrase of his can be justly construed to suggest a weakening of attitude on essentials, and we do not think he is the man to counsel negotiation with Germany unbeaten and unrepentant.

Star

Why should we hesitate to tell the German people the terms upon which we are ready to enter upon peace negotiations? They are being misled by their Government and by their military caste, who dopes them with lies about the war aims of the Allies. We fear that the peril of peace is not quite so imminent as Lord Northcliffe fears.

Liverpool Daily Post

The great danger of such a statement by such a man, at such a time' is the possibility of its misinterpretation by our Allies, and the certainty of its misrepresentation by the enemy. And this is emphasized by Lord Lansdowne's maladroitness, both as to the things that he says and the matters that he leaves unsaid.

Birmingham Daily Post

Taking Lord Lansdowne's letter as a whole, the first thing to be said upon it, surely, is that it is published at about the least appropriate moment imaginable. We do not say that it betrays infirmity of purpose in Lord Lansdowne. Desiring to do him full justice, we duly note his admission that we "certainly" are fighting "to beat the Germans." But we do say that it will be enormously encouraging to the enemy.

Manchester Guardian

It is a wise endeavor, and coming as it does from one who has held all but the highest office in the State, and who was himself Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs for a period of ten years under two successive Conservative Administrations, it is bound to receive, as it deserves, the utmost consideration.

Yorkshire Post

Though we agree, generally speaking, with the main argument and conclusions of Lord Lansdowne, we think it distinctly questionable whether a statement such as his should have been made at the present time outside Parliament.

Leeds Mercury

The remarkable letter of Lord Lansdowne, on the war aims of the Allies, comes at an inopportune moment, and we are afraid that it may be regarded in Germany as a symptom of war weariness and a desire for peace in Britian. It is not that the views of the people called pacifists are put forward by his lordship; but there is a certain ambiguity about his letter that is sure to be seized upon by the Germans, flushed with their success in Russia, as an instances of modified aims on the part of their chief enemy.

Bristol Times and Mirror

Lord Lansdowne's letter, we regret to think, will not be helpful in this crisis. Thoughtful and statesmanlike as it is in inserting an "security," en main, on a real after-war League of Nations, its plea for commercial leniency to Germany and for considerations of her impossible "freedom-of-the-seas" claim are, to say the least, very ill-timed.

Glasgow Herald

We are afraid he does not lay the stress that is necessary upon the importance in the first place of winning the war so decisively that the Kaiser and his clique will be compelled to admit that in a military sense the victory is ours. The motive lying behind the opinion that a military victory is imperative is not in any sense vindictive. But a peace based upon a result which the German military caste would not admit to be a military victory would fail to achieve the purpose for which civilization has bled.

Scotsman

There must be much doubt regarding the opportuneness of the communication; one of its leading ideas may cause difficulty with M. Clemenceau's Government; but the authority which belongs to Lord Lansdowne and the almost dispassionate moderation with which he states his argument will be generally admitted.

Spectator

Lord Lansdowne thinks the German nation would be brought nearer to us through being deprived of all excuse for misunderstanding or misinterpreting our intentions. So far as that goes we agree and we have often said the same thing ourselves. On certain definite points we are far less inclined to say that we can agree with Lord Lansdowne: his suggestion that we may have to reconcile ourselves to an incomplete settlement of Balkan affairs, and that, when the war is over, we might discuss the question of what is called the "freedom of the seas."

Nation

This great State document which, has been received with enthusiasm in nearly all Liberal and many Conservative quarters, is a clear and reasoned statement of the case for a League of Nations as the essential basis of the peace.

CLOAK OF ICE COVERS COUNTRY

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it open to allow a train in on Saturday night. Telegraph poles and trees across the tracks between Port Mann and Chilliwack constitute the biggest trouble, along with thickly caked ice on the tracks, of which the local officials are aware, no word having been received of any blockade in the mountains.

Milk Train Stranded

A milk train is still stranded between here and Chilliwack, and strenuous efforts are being made to get it moving again toward Vancouver. Hopes were entertained that it would arrive today. The company is bending all energies toward clearing the roadbed on the few miles blocked before getting the telegraph wires up.

As far as local officials of the C. P. R. are aware, the delays to their trains are caused by the severe weather on the Prairies and in the mountains east of Field. Number One came in in two sections today, the first of which was two hours and a quarter late and the second nearly eleven hours late. This afternoon the Kettle Valley train was six hours late, arriving tonight about 8:45.

R. H. Young, telegraph superintendent, arrived back in the city this afternoon after being in charge of the work of repairing since 3 o'clock on Thursday morning, and reported that under the circumstances things are going with reasonable dispatch. The company has ten operators at each end of the forty-mile break, and messages are handled with all speed once they are ferried across by train. Presumably good progress is being made toward opening up the line for traffic to Chilliwack, and in the meantime trains from New Westminster are running as far as Coghlan.

An idea of the weight of ice is given by the fact that the heavy cross arms spanning the track between Abbotsford and Huntingdon crashed to the ground. The poles then followed, dragged by the weight of the ice on the wires. About 40 poles in all are said to be down on this stretch of line. The highways in the district are just as badly off as the railways.

LETTERS TO EDITOR

No letter to the Editor will be inserted except over the proper signature and address of the writer. This rule admits of no exceptions.

Livestock Production

Sir,—I must contradict the assertion that I offered myself as director in the event of a municipal livestock farm being started at Elk Lake. My letter to the Mayor and corporation of Victoria was as follows: "In view of the world's shortage and the necessity for the greater production of all kinds of livestock at the present time, it has occurred to me that the municipal farm at Elk Lake might be utilised for extensive hog raising. A large number of pigs can be produced with a minimum of labor. In the event of the above suggestion being favorably regarded, I should be pleased to call upon you at any time to further discuss the matter. I may say that I have had much experience in pig breeding."

I may add that if I were seeking the superintendence of a farm, I should not select a municipal farm where the manager is subject to the interference and orders of any ignoramus (in matters agricultural), who may be on the farm committee. In conclusion, I am sorry that the members of the press were excluded from the Council Chamber, and cannot imagine why this should cause them to vent their spleen on me in rather an obnoxious manner.

EDWIN BUSS.

1507 Fernwood Road, Victoria, B.C., December 28, 1917.

Eight-Hour Action Rescinded

SPOKANE, Dec. 28.—The action of the Western Pine Manufacturer's Association here on December 7, voting to put into effect the eight-hour day in the lumber camps and mills of Eastern Washington and Oregon, Northern Idaho, and Western Montana, today was rescinded by the association, it was announced tonight by a committee of the members.

That's the Point

"Why, sir," said the genius, "this invention of mine will be epoch-making."

"Perhaps," replied the man he had appealed to; "but will it be money-making?"

In Woman's Realm

By MARIA LAWSON

Children

"Of such is the kingdom of heaven"
No glory that ever was shed
From the crowning star of the seven
That crown the north world's head.

No word that ever was spoken
Of human or godlike tongue
Gave ever such godlike token
Since human hearts were strung.

No sign that ever was given
To faithful or faithless eyes
Showed ever beyond clouds riven
So clear a Paradise.

Earth's creeds may be seventy times seven
And blood have defiled each creed;
If of such is the kingdom of heaven,
It must be heaven indeed.

—Swinburne.

Well Worth While

The authorities of the public library never did a wiser nor a kinder thing than to open the building on Winter holidays. On Christmas Day some two hundred men availed themselves of the opportunity to spend part of the day reading. The quiet, the warmth and (it may be added) the spirit of good-will that pervaded the place helped many of these people to bear the inevitable loneliness of an anniversary spent away from home. If all of us were as ready to do our part in brightening other's lives as the librarian and her assistants Victoria would become one of the most popular of Canadian cities. In a sense, however, they are representative of what other women would do if they had the opportunity.

Home-Making

In these days there is a tendency to undervalue the work of the woman who is seldom to be met outside her own home. Women in every country are distinguishing themselves in so many ways that are apparent to all that she who spends all her time and all her talent in making a little group of people healthy and happy is unnoticed. We forget that it is because here and there one fails in her duty that the needs arise for many of the institutions that make the fame of women who have a talent for organization and control. If every mother and every wife fulfilled the part she has undertaken in the world there would be no neglected children, and the number of husbands who are false to their obligations would be comparatively small.

Sometimes the home-maker is not the wife but another woman who without a mother's reward or a husband's affection keeps together the little group for whose welfare she spends her life and uses all her talents. Biography is full of allusions to the sisters of great men, and there are in every community women of the same type.

In this new country of ours it is perhaps especially necessary that we should realize how important it is that the work of home-making should be well done. We have many faults but the primitive, deep-seated love of our own kin and our own fireside is strong in the broad land which is our inheritance. Things cannot go far wrong in a country where husbands and wives are faithful to each other, and where children love one another and reverence their parents. Every such group gathers around it a larger or smaller circle filled with its own spirit of service. Homely people they may all be or refined and cultured, but the sterling gold of character is there.

From the thousands of letters from the Canadian soldiers, the historian and the novelist of the future will learn how simple and how true is the love those brave men bear to the homes they left to enter upon the terrible adventure of war. They have been strengthened and inspired by their memories of home. This alone is a great reward for the faithfulness of the mothers of our time.

To all home-makers there must come times of weariness and depression. In their lives there is much monotonous labor. Their patience, their tact, their ingenuity are all put to severe tests many times in every day. Theirs must be the love that never faileth. But it is upon them that the future of this country depends. It will be great in proportion as the homes which form the units of its civilization are presided over by women who are strong and brave and loving. Other work than home-making must be done by women, but let no one think that any is higher or greater than that of the wife and mother whether her lot is cast in a cottage or in a mansion.

Nurses At Home

In the enthusiasm of this first year of the participation of the United States in the war, nurses all over the country are hastening to offer their services to the Red Cross, which, there, is a part of the organization of the army.

Miss Elizabeth McCracken, the well known writer, has issued a note of warning. Under the caption, "The Wounded at Home," she shows that all the need for surgical nursing is not near the battle line. In the hospitals in France, in most European countries and in Great Britain nurses are helping to restore men to the army and to relieve suffering. Few, who are not nurses, can realize the good they are doing. They have won the gratitude of the soldiers who can understand and appreciate the sacrifices they are making.

Sufferers at home, mothers, men, and even children, are continually undergoing operations, and their recovery depends on the skill and faithfulness with which they are nursed. Custom has caused us to forget how greatly we are indebted to the nurses who move about among us for the recovery of patients from operations which if performed in a past generation would have been fatal. In such recoveries surgical skill and scientific knowledge have a foremost part, but trained and competent nursing has helped more than is generally realized.

Keeping The Quality Up

LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE, the World-Famous Cure for Colds and Grip, is now 30c per box. On account of the advance in the price of the six different Medicinal, Concentrated Extracts and Chemicals contained in LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE, it was necessary to increase the price to the Druggist. It has stood the test for a Quarter of a Century. It is used by every Civilized Nation.

Nurses who serve at home are often undervalued. Nursing is more than a business and far more than skilled labor. It calls for all that is best in the mind and heart of a woman. Some day the war will be over, but the need for nurses will continue, and they will still be entitled to the honor and gratitude of their fellow-men and women.

Technical Education

Where are the skilled laborers of Canada to come from in the future? This is a land of vast resources. If we are to have any considerable share in their development, our young people should be preparing now to take their part. When the war is over the nations of Europe will have the enormous task of repairing the waste it has caused and of re-establishing their ruined industries. The United States is not likely to have many men to spare. Here own country is still new, and the management of its affairs, and the work of its mines, will call for all the man force she can command.

A beginning has been made in the spread of agricultural education, but only a beginning. Canada is a land of farmers and will continue to be so. Our boys and girls will do well to study the ancient art, with all that modern science teaches about the production of food.

But if agriculture is the chief it is not the only occupation that needs skilled labor. Cities will be built, mines developed, fisheries carried on, forests conserved and used. Men and women must be clothed and fed. Commerce has become the work of trained men, and the building of ships has become a vast department of labor.

So far, Canadian schools, while giving boys and girls an elementary training in the use of tools, has done little to fit any of them for any branch of what is generally spoken of as labor. This would not be so great a misfortune if apprenticeship had not been, in most trades, done away with. The High School boy at sixteen or eighteen has much knowledge of great value to him as a preparation for manhood, but little which fits him to earn his living. The girl who intends to be a teacher has received both preparation for womanhood and for her work in the world. The lad who is going on to the university has also been helped to become a professional man.

Is it not possible to make similar provision for the boy who will enter a workshop, factory or store on leaving school? Can he not be as intelligent as the brother who will go on to the university while at the same time he has gained experience as a skilled workman? These are the questions that have been answered in the affirmative by the establishment of technical or trade schools where book knowledge as well as skill continue to be taught during the years of adolescence. Such schools are expensive. Is there a good return for the investment in the increased intelligence of the population as well as in material advancement? Perhaps Denmark affords the best answer. Education there has not only made a poor little nation rich, but has raised the people morally and intellectually.

The city of Victoria, in common with other cities in Canada, must decide whether or not more can be done in its High Schools to help those students who must earn their living by manual labor or by engaging in business on their path to future usefulness.

Selection

It is greatly to be feared that the people of Victoria are not yet fully alive to the necessity of saving bread, pork and beef. In this city most of the cooking and purveying are done in the homes. Our hotel and restaurant trade is not large in comparison to the population. Luncheon is taken in town by a considerable number of men and women, but breakfast and dinner are eaten at home. The children of course get all their meals there. Public eating places observe the food controller's regulations, and their success depends on the skill shown in preparing substitutes for the forbidden materials. This will not be enough. Every manager of a household must make it a matter of conscience to serve at stated times other flour than that made of wheat and fish instead of meat. Unless this is done systematically it is sure to be neglected.

We must do our part in contributing to the needs of the soldiers and the Allies. Canadian women, almost with one voice, decided that as many men as are needed shall be sent to the battlefront. It is quite as necessary that food should be provided in sufficient quantities. Every child can understand that what we eat at home cannot be sent across the ocean. Still ships continue to be sunk, in lessening numbers, it is true, but every week many people could be fed with the food lost.

From the beginning of the war the people of Europe have planned and saved and made the most of the materials they were allowed to use freely. As soon as their country entered the conflict, the women of the United States are entering upon the work of food conservation with praiseworthy zeal. For three years Canada's homes have made few changes in their way of living. We have done something in the past few months but not nearly enough. We are not called upon to go without food. It is recognized that it is important that both children and adults shall be sufficiently nourished. This can be done by using food that can be transported easily. It is the business of women to select the substitutes and to prepare them so that they will fill the place of the wheat, the beef and pork which must be used sparingly. Sugar too must not be wasted. The price of substitutes must be left to the authorities. It is their duty to see that they are within the reach of the people at home. Nothing however relieves housekeepers from their part in the work of feeding the Allies. This is their contribution to the winning of the war.

Vancouver's Rep Team

It is probable that a special meeting of the league will be called to select the District League team to play against Victoria. It was originally intended to name the eleven after yesterday's international, but owing to the mediocre brand of soccer displayed by each club, the committee appointed last week agreed to defer the selection until later in the week.

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GENERAL CURRIE AT PARIS EXHIBITION

Opens Display of Photographs of Canadian Troops at Galeries Goupil—Tribute to France.

The following is from the Continental edition of The Daily Mail, describing the wonderful collection of photographs of the Canadian troops in action which was recently opened at the Galeries Goupil, 15 Rue de la Ville l'Eveque, Paris, by Lieut.-General Sir Arthur Currie, K.C.M.G., the Commander of the Canadian Corps in France. Among those present were Lord Bertie of Thame (British Ambassador), Mr. W. E. Hearn (British Consul-General), the Honorable Phillippe Roy (General Commissioner for Canada), and Colonel Hamilton (Canadian Commandant for Paris). M. Clemenceau was represented by Captain Blanc, and General Duball (Military Governor of Paris), was represented by Colonel Duregne. A Canadian band which has just returned from the front played under the direction of Captain-Bandmaster M. Ryan.

"The pictures," the item states, "roused the wonder and admiration of all the visitors. As Sir Arthur Currie said, they represented various phases of the life of the Canadian soldier in the war, and the scenes of all are laid in France. Vimy, Avion, Hill 70, Lens, Courcellette, the Somme are familiar names. A few years ago they were the homes of a peaceful and peace-loving people who were industriously following their pursuits. Now those homes are ruins, continued the General, their tenants murdered, enslaved or driven forth by the bullying ruffians who thought in 1914 that the time was ripe for them to become the rulers of the world. In defence of those homes France, true to her traditions, and with a power she scarcely realized she possessed, freely shed her blood and saved from the ravages of the invader the greatest portion of her country and saved the world as well. (Cheers.)

The Spirit of Wolfe.

No words, he went on, can express the aspiration of the Canadian soldier for the French soldiers and the French citizens neither can words adequately convey the obligation of the world to the unflinching heroism, the devotion to country and to duty, the fine qualities of that soldier and to the unconquerable self-sacrifice of that citizen.

"To us in far off Canada, the outbreak of war came with startling suddenness, almost like the thief in the night. Yet its significance was quickly realised and a sigh of relief, almost of gladness, went up when Britain joined with you in the struggle. Notwithstanding the fact that at the outbreak of war the regular military forces of Canada numbered scarcely 5,000 men, within a month there assembled on the plains above old Quebec nearly 35,000 volunteers. From that force was mobilised the First Division, mobilized on the plains of Abraham, heights where the noble Montcalm and the gallant Wolfe gladly laid down their lives for their country, each fighting for what he believed to be right, and I sometimes believe when I witness the irresistible dash of the Canadian in the attack, and when I realize his stubbornness in defence, I believe the spirit of each lives in the Canadian soldier today. (Cheers.)

"To convey to you better an idea of that dash in attack, that stubbornness in defence, I am proud to say that there are Canadian battalions who in all their fighting have never lost a single inch of ground once taken or occupied and who have never failed to reach and consolidate an objective. (Cheers.)

150,000 Men in France

"The First Divison crossed to England in October, 1914, and landed on your shores early in February the next year. There are few of us now who were with it in the memorable gas attack of April, 1915, yet others quickly arrived to take the place of those so nobly fallen. And, although the fighting has been severe and the casualties heavy, for the Canadian Corps has never been out of the line since its formation. I am glad to say there are 150,000 Canadian soldiers in France today.

"We are proud to be here, and to fight beside the gallant soldiers of our motherland, Britain, and the equally gallant soldiers of our other motherland, France. (Cheers.) The fight is as much ours as it is yours, and with you we shall not quit until every inch of French soil has been retaken from the invader, whose presence has fouled it far too long already. It has been our privilege to drive him from some portions of that soil. Some of that soil will be for ever ours, for mixed with it are the ashes of many Canadian dead. The blood of our brave has with yours freely drenched and sanctified the plains of Picardy, while the bones of our best share with yours a last resting p'ace on the heights of Vimy.

Cemented in Blood

"We are fighting not for a truce but for a victory. We can, we must, and we will win, and after all the dark clouds have rolled away a new, a better, a brighter and a happier world will come. We shall have discharged our duty as heirs of the past and as trustees of the future and our children will live and carry on secure in the knowledge that the advocates of hypocrisy, of self-aggrandisement of all that German culture stands for, shall not prevail against the lovers of justice, liberty and honor. And, let us always pray that the friendship of France and the British Empire, cemented in blood on the battlefield of Armageddon, shall endure until time shall be no more." (Loud cheers.)

No Time for Trifles

We are all proud of the men in the sweeper who went back to their ship and cleared the mines which were hugging her. The spirit of the service, we say. Yes; but the service is of the nation, and the nation of today is the heir of other times. Landsmen have the same courage as their fathers; had Wellington had it, though we never think of him as a hero at sea. While on a voyage he retired to rest with dirty weather prevailing. The captain went down to say to him, "it will soon be all over with us." "Very well," said the Duke, "then I shan't trouble to take off my boots," and settled to his snooze.—London Chronicle.

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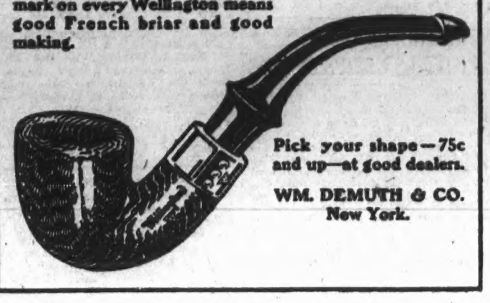
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HOCKEY TEAMS ARE BETTER BALANCED

Final Adjustment of Players and Managers Results in Three Strong Teams Entering Coast Race.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 28.—Although a few of the regulars of last season's clubs will be missing from the line-ups, Pacific Coast hockey clubs promise to be better balanced this season, and that the race will be the closest in the history of the league is the opinion of hockey sharps in the Northwest. Until the season is pretty well advanced it will be impossible to get a line on the probable outcome of the championship tilt, but at this stage every club shows considerable strength, and while Carpenter and Walker will be missing from the Seattle lineup, the acquisition of Lester Patrick promises to bolster up the cupholders. Patrick is not only a capable leader but one of the greatest defence men in the game.

There may be a few changes in the personnel of the clubs later, but the teams will probably start as follows:

Vancouver—Lehman, McDonald, Cook, Mackay, Taylor, Stanley, Moynes.

Portland—Murray, Johnson, Loughlin, Oatman, Dunderdale, Tobin, Harris.

Seattle—Fowler, Rowe, Rickey, L. Patrick, Morris, Riley, Wilson.

Ran McDonald, who comes to Vancouver from Spokane, should enoy the best season in his career. He has speed and stick-handling ability, and as a defence man should prove an effective player on the local club. Lloyd Cook has played here before and while a member of the Vancouver club always starred. Mackay, Taylor, Stanley and Moynes are too well known to opposition goalkeepers to need any introduction. Lester Patrick should work wonders with the Seattle club, even though Carpenter and Walker are missing, while Pete Muldoon has an aggregation of puck-chasers in Portland that will start favorites in this season's canter.

CANADIAN RUNNER DOES WELL AT PUTNEY

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Ranelagh Harriers two and one-half miles handicap was decided from the Green Man, Putney Heath. The drizzly weather and a heavy course was the first experienced this season. However, fifteen members started and victory went to W. Rhyddeich off the 2 minutes, 50 second mark. Q.-M.-S. Williams, of the Canadian H. Q., ran a splendid race from the 25 seconds mark, finishing second, and accomplishing the fastest time of 12 minutes, 24 1-5 seconds. Williams has performed well previously to coming to England. Among other races he holds the five miles Pacific Coast U. S. A. championship of Utah, U. S. A., and is 2,000 yards ex-champion of California State. Geo. Andrews, who has been wounded, did very well to get third off 30 seconds, and a very fine performance with that of S. Cartwright, a really great veteran who, despite his nearing his 50th year, secured 4th position off 40 seconds, and did 13 minutes, 55 1-5 seconds for the full journey.

WAR AND ATHLETICS

U. S. Secretary of War and Secretary of Navy Send Messages to Conference Commending Activity

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Messages from Secretary of War Baker and Secretary of the Navy Daniels, commending activity in athletics in connection with the regular army and navy training, were received tonight at the meeting of the executive committee of the National Collegiate Association, at which Colonel Palmer E. Pierce, U. S. A., presided. The messages will be read at tomorrow's meeting.

All districts in the country and all the conferences were represented at tonight's session. It was decided to recommend at tomorrow's meeting that the rifle shooting competitions should be instituted and a new standing committee appointed for this purpose, and also a committee on rules governing wrestling and possibly boxing.

BROSSEAU TEMPTED TO DESERT AMATEURS

Montreal Promoter Offers Eastern Boy $15,000 for a First Appearance in Professional Ring

Eastern boxing promoters are trying hard to have Eugene Brosseau, international amateur middleweight champion, forsake the amateur ranks and go after the big money. One enterprising Montreal promoter offered the youngster $15,000 for his first bout, but so far the eastern boy has turned a deaf ear to all proposals. He realizes that he is a top notcher as an amateur, but that in entering the professional ranks he will run against a few obstacles that will be difficult to hurdle in his climb towards a championship. There have been other amateurs just as good as Brosseau who held titles, but when they jumped into the pro. class their boxing career was short-lived. Frank Barrieu, Billy Weeks and Gil Martin were star performers in the amateur ring on the coast a few years ago. They jumped into the professional class, lost more bouts than they won, and at an early age are through. If Brosseau heeds good, sound advice he will wait a little longer before making the jump.

WOUNDED VETERAN WINS SWIMMING RACE

PARIS, Dec. 28.—Gerard Meister, who was five times wounded during the battle of the Marne, yesterday won the annual Christmas swimming contest across the River Seine, a distance of 350 yards. The temperature stood at about the freezing point, and the bridges and banks of the Seine were crowded with spectators. Meister won this event in 19 1-3.

DE ORO AND OTIS MATCHED FOR TITLE

That De Oro and Otis will play their match for the championship of the world at three-cushion caroms in Havana, Cuba, has been definitely settled. They will oppose each other in the Cuban capital on January 10, 11 and 12. For consenting to play in Havana Otis has been guaranteed all expenses and a bonus, which more than offsets his stake of $250, which he may lose. Regardless of the result of the match, he will return to New York well compensated.



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SMALL STARS IN MILITARY HOCKEY

Opening Game Played in Winnipeg Last Night—Old Professional Stars Lacked Usual Brilliancy.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 28.—Putting up a surprisingly fast game, the Sommes trimmed the Ypres 5 to 1 in the opening clash of the Military Hockey League here last night. Several stars on the Ypres team fell down badly, the youngsters of the Sommes checking Dick Irvin and Stan Marples, last year's Portland pros, so closely that they were completely bottled up all the way.

Old Walter Smaill was the star, playing a heady and fast game throughout for the winners, while Muirhead, formerly of Edmonton, also put up a stellar performance. The Sommes won by rushing their opponents early in the fray, and had a lead of 4 to 0 at half time. They played a strong defensive game in the second period and held their opponents even.

VANCOUVER BOWLER HAS PASSED AWAY

VANCOUVER, Dec. 28.—Death has taken one of the best known lawn bowlers in the city in the person of Walter J. Frame, president of the Lower Mainland Lawn Bowling Association and of the Kerrisdale Club. Mr. Frame died suddenly on Saturday, following a breakdown in health. His death will be a severe blow to all bowlers in the city. He was one of the most reliable skips and one of the best sportsmen, and gave considerable help to the establishing of the old Scotch game in the Province. He leaves two sisters and a brother, who returned from the front about a month ago.

READY FOR FULTON

Jess Willard Says He Is in Shape to Battle on Short Notice for Red Cross

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Jess Willard, the world's heavyweight boxing champion, is out to convince the world that he is the real goods as far as champions go. The rumors and reports that he is overweight and out of condition have been a thorn in his side for some time, and he is anxious to settle the matter definitely. "I am feeling fine," said Willard, "and want to show the public that I am in shape to battle on short notice. I have reference to my proposed bout with Fred Fulton for the benefit of the Red Cross, and am ready any time he is."

CHEVROLET WINS IN RECORD TIME

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Dec. 28.—What was said to be a new world's automobile record for five miles on a one-mile circular dirt track was hung up in a race here Wednesday, by Louis Chevrolet, who defeated Barney Oldfield and Eddie Hearne, his time being 3 minutes, 48 seconds.

In a trial lap officially timed Oldfield clipped a second off the world's record by negotiating the mile in 45 2-5 seconds.

GIANTS' PRESIDENT HEADS STRONG COMBINE

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—President Hempstead, of the Giants, is the head of a powerful combine in National League politics. The New York club is now able to control the situation with the solid backing of the Phillies, Braves, Cubs, Brooklyns and Cardinals. This combination is strong for Governor Tener and his policies.

Incidentally Herriman, of the Reds, and Dreyfuss, of the Pirates, who have opposed the governor in several important matters, are hopelessly in the minority. Hempstead is following in the steps of his late father-in-law, John T. Brush, who once controlled National League politics with unlimited power.

RED SOX TRAINING

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—H. H. Frazee, president of the Boston Americans, today announced his willingness to stage a city series here with the Boston Nationals before the opening of the regular season on April 16. The Red Sox will start Spring training at Hot Springs, Ark., March 17.

Referring to the trade by which the Boston club obtained Bush, Schang and Strunk, Mr. Frazee said he had been offered $50,000 by Charles Comiskey, owner of the Chicago Americans, for Bush alone.

Detroit American Squad

DETROIT, Dec. 28.—The squad of players the Detroit Americans will send to the Spring training camp at Waxachie, Texas, will number 25, according to announcement by President Frank Navin today. Ten pitchers will be in the squad, including Foster, a recruit from the Three-I League, and Finneran, purchased from the St. Paul team. Seven infielders, five outfielders and three catchers will make up the remainder.

INTERNATIONAL SOCCER

Christmas Game in Vancouver Ended in Draw—Rep. Team Not Yet Selected

VANCOUVER, Dec. 28.—The international soccer game between England and Scotland, representing the cream of the players in the Vancouver and District League, played at Athletic Park Christmas Christmas afternoon, resulting in a draw, not a single goal being registered. This is the second time this season an international game has resulted in a draw, the score of the first game being 3 to 3.

On account of several players failing to turn up, both teams were pretty well shot to pieces, and, on the whole, the game was a poor affair. On the other hand, the previous international game was the best display of soccer seen here for many a day.

TODAY'S SOCCER

Owing to the fact that the weather man has got a little mixed at the Christmas season and has been handing us out a package of weather evidently labelled for Vancouver, at least one of the scheduled Jackson Cup soccer games for today has had to be abandoned. The Canteen ground is not in a condition to make football on it possible, and the game which was to have been played there this afternoon between the Navy and the Garrison has therefore been called off.

Another game has also been postponed, as the 5th Regiment team finds itself unable to keep its engagement with the E.M.C.H. for the game which was to have taken place at Oak Bay.

There will therefore be only two soccer games decided today. The Victoria Wests play the V.I.A.A. at Beacon Hill, refereed by Sergt.-Maj. Jones, and the C.A.M.C. play the infirmary at the Willows, refereed by Willacy.

GENERAL EXPLAINS VALUE OF SPORTS

British Recruiting Officer, With Three Years at the Front, Says Athletics Are of Paramount Importance.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Brigadier-General Wilfrid Arthur White, who is now in this country in charge of British recruiting, and who saw almost three years' active service in France and Flanders, is very enthusiastic over the benefit derived from sport among the soldiers. In an interview today, General White said:

"When the athlete has gone to the front, his place in athletic ranks should be immediately filled. Sport is the foundation for health, and too much emphasis can not be laid upon its benefits and necessity. Athletics are of paramount importance in keeping the soldier fit and the same is true of the man who must be prepared to become a potential soldier.

"Athletics provide the very best means of taking a man's mind off his work, be it building ships, adding figures or killing Germans. They afford the complete relaxation from mental strain by substituting temporarily a different kind of mental strain, and a varied muscular change.

"The soldierly qualities developed are many. Discipline is encouraged inasmuch as discipline is the very essence of team play. Quickness of decision and speed and agility are not to be overlooked, and what cricket and football do for the Englishman, baseball, football and track athletics do for the Sammies.

"Again, the desire to win spurs the athlete on, and inculcates the spirit that carries the trained soldiers to victory; and, lastly, sport makes for fairness or play, a true sportsman and a true man."

SUSPENDED PLAYERS ARE REINSTATED

Football League Rescinds Motion of Last Meeting—Press Interviews by League Delegates Deprecated.

As a result of the extraordinary meeting of the Victoria and District Football Association held last night, the motion passed at the last regular meeting suspending three players from playing on representative teams for the balance of the season was rescinded.

It was unfortunate that at the meeting at which the motion of suspension was passed the three clubs concerned had no delegates present and, although this was accidental, it made the case against the players look all the blacker. It was clear from the statements made last night that the meeting last Wednesday had no intention of being unfair to the men affected, but did what appeared to be its manifest duty under the constitution in suspending the players for not turning up at the Red Cross match or notifying their respective managers of their inability to do so.

From the evidence submitted to last night's meeting it transpired that, in the case of Jenkins, of the Navy, this player had not been notified that he had been selected to play, and that being on leave at the time it was difficult to get in touch with him. This player was, therefore, completely exonerated. Dick and Sherratt were reinstated but were censured for not notifying the selection committee in time of their inability to turn out.

A discussion then arose concerning an interview given the press by a delegate concerning the suspensions, and the upshot was that President Payne asked the delegates to refrain from writing comments to the papers hastily before the league had had time to discuss questions of the kind. Delegate Reeve, of the Navy, gave notice that at the next meeting he will bring forward a motion dealing with this question of delegates giving interviews to the press concerning matters not yet threshed out by the league.

It was decided to ask Mr. Goward to referee the New Year's Day match at the Royal Athletic Park for the benefit of the Blue Cross.

PORTLAND TEAM WINS FIRST HOCKEY GAME

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 28.—Portland took the opening game of the ice hockey season tonight from Vancouver, 4 to 2. A large crowd witnessed the game, which was marred somewhat by a heavy fog that hung over the ice floor. Summary:

Portland	Position	Vancouver
Murray	Goal	Lehman
Johnson	Point	Cook
Laughlin	Defence	McDonald
Oatman	Rover	Taylor
Dunderdale	Centre	MacKay
Tobin	Right Wing	Stanley
Harris	Left Wing	Moynes
Ukalis	Substitute	Whalen
Barbour	Substitute	Patrick

Score by periods: Portland—2, 0, 2—4. Vancouver—0, 2, 0—2.

Officials: Referee, George Irvine; timer, Judge Dayton; goal umpires, Pierce and Peterson.

Penalties: 1, Portland, Dunderdale; time, 3 min.

SIR RIDER HAGGARD'S FAREWELL TO FARMING

Famous Writer Tells Why He Adopted Agriculture, in His Speech at the Sale of His Stock.

Sir Rider Haggard presided over a large company of farmers, at a luncheon on the occasion of the sale of his farming stock at Ditchingham, and in response to the toast of his health, told the company the reasons he had taken up agriculture.

Sir Rider Haggard said he had been farming for thirty years, and he heard the remark, why did a man like himself farm? (A Voice—"For a hobby.") That gentleman never made a greater mistake in his life, for he did not farm as a hobby. He farmed for the reason that he saw that if there was one great business, one great industry, in this country that was neglected, it was that of agriculture. (Applause.) Therefore, when he was a young man he formulated the idea of doing what he could to help agriculture. He knew there was only one way in which he could qualify himself and that was by learning agriculture practically. He took to agriculture, therefore, not as a hobby, but to study it. (A Voice—"As an Englishman.") Yes, an Englishman, to serve his country; he determined to farm not only as an owner, but as a tenant, in order to learn both sides of the business. (Applause.) In pursuing his object he wrote certain books which he ventured to hope would be known in the future more even than in the present, upon farming in Great Britain. To do that he had to learn the business. (Hear, hear.) They might ask then, Why do you give up farming? Well, he was sorry to say he was not so young as he was once, and he could not stand the Norfolk climate in winter, with the result that he had to be away six months in the year. He was not blessed with enormous wealth, and it was a heavy responsibility when he could no longer attend to business to have so much locked up in it. Then for a busy man the number of forms one was asked to fill in and the number of orders one had to comply with, was more than he cared to tackle. ("Hear, hear," and laughter.) He had seen some strange things during those 30 years; he had seen wheat sell on his farm at 20s a quarter. (A voice—"That is right.") At that time farmers were treated to mockery, and everybody laughed at their misfortunes, and they were publicly jested in every comic paper in the country. Now that wheat was 70s. a quarter the farmers were no longer treated with mockery; they were treated with abuse —(loud applause)—and were designated profiteers and the people who were preying on the vitals of the Empire. He confessed that to his mind was a great pity, that their industry, still the biggest in the country, should be the object of this ill-conceived contumely. (Applause.) After all they were the backbone of England, and the country was finding it out. They laughed at the farmers in years past because the corn ships came in without let or hindrance, and because it was considered a natural right the English should get their food from overseas without let or hindrance. Things were different today. There was nothing so important now as the despised land of England. It had been said the farmers had been profiteering. Well, he had, as he told them, been a farmer for thirty years, and he might say that he had never had £5 in his pocket to spend out of it. But by their kind assistance he hoped to get his capital back that day. But he did not grumble, as he had farmed not for profit, though it he had wanted to live out of it he did not know where he should have been. Now what was the outlook of this great industry?

As a humble observer of agriculture and other events, he felt bound to say they were heading for broken waters. He particularly referred to what was happening in regard to meat. It was not only his view but the view of every man who had really considered the meat industry in Great Britain, and yet nobody would listen. They were heading, he would put it mildly, to a great meat scarcity. It was a pity, he thought, that those in power, those who were possibly better acquainted with the production of coal and trade at large than meat should not listen to those who knew. (Applause.) Speaking of the question of labor Sir Rider said there was another serious difficulty ahead of them. They all knew the feelings of the laborer and also they knew their virtues; their virtues were great. The times of the laborer in the past had been very hard, because the times of agriculture were hard. Few of them present would have liked to have reared a family on 14s. a week and a few pickings. Now that the wheel was going round he made one appeal to labor, and it was this—that they would deal wisely with their advantage, remembering after all that their case, is our case, and the case of everybody connected with the land that their interests were really identical and that if the land is to succeed and prosper the wner, the tenant, and the laborer must stand together. Therefore, he appealed to labor not to listen to wild agitators, but to fall back upon the sound common sense, which was the common heritage of Englishmen. Speaking of the future prospects of British agriculture Sir Rider said they were however on the whole better than at any time during which he had to deal with it. Never again would it be so neglected, and they would propably now be able to teach the city populations this elementary fact that out of the land of Britain came not only pheasants and amusements, but food necessary to their sustenance, and especially in times of war. That being so he was convinced that no more in the future would they see agriculture relegated to that black pit into which it had been plunged for half a century He asked the agriculturists not to be discouraged nor depressed by those city scribes who did not know a turnip from a mangel wurzel or wheats from oats. Let them be honest men in the future as in the past and do their duty by the land and the country. By so doing they would meet with their reward in the future. St. Paul said he never could suffer fools gladly; he would reverse that immortal saying and ask them to suffer wise men such as ruled over them patiently. (Laughter.) In bidding them farewell as a farmer, he wished to observe that he had always sought to forward wholeheartedly and to the best of his ability what he conceived to be the true interests of the industry and of the land.

Mr. Carr, who has been Sir Rider's landlord for some of the land he has farmed, remarked: "You have left your farm cleaner than you found it." Laughter and applause.)

Sir Rider said he did not think any farmer could have a better epitaph. (Loud laughter.) He wished to thank his steward, Mr. Longrigg, who was an able former and a real good fellow; his landlord, Mr. Carr; and his agents, Messrs. Salter, Simpson & Sons. He wished continued success to Mr. Longrigg as tenant of the farm.

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Men's Knee Length Rubber Boots $4.50
Men's Knee Length, white, extra heavy $8.50
Men's Rubber Boots, full length. Pair $7.00
Men's Rubber Boots, full length, white, extra heavy quality. A pair $14.50

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Mining in British Columbia

By E. JACOBS

Up-country newspapers have published the news that miners in Phoenix camp, Boundary district, are declining to do business with merchants who do not subscribe to the Patriotic Fund.

A motor truck has arrived at Coalmont, Tulameen district, to be used in hauling coal from the mine to the railway at Coalmont, a distance of three miles, says The Similkameen Star. An effort will be made to ship a carload of coal a day. Several years ago coal from the mine near Coalmont was used in railway construction camps when work was in progress in the district.

The Fernie Free Press states that Saturday, December 8, was chosen by the official staff of the Crow's Nest Pass Company's Coal Creek colliery to celebrate the event of Mr. W. Lancaster's retirement after about twelve years' service on the staff, presenting him with a handsome watch, suitably engrayed, and wishing him every success in his new appointment as a district inspector of mines. Mr. Lancaster for years was overman at No. 2 mine, Coal Creek.

Recent publications of the Geological Survey of Canada now ready for distribution include Memoir 96. Booke and Duncan map-areas, Vancouver Island, by C. H. Clapp, with sections on the Hicker series and the grabbros of East Sooke and Rocky Point, by H. C. Cooke. Two of the geological maps to accompany this memoir have not yet been published. Map No. 1667, Geology of the Slocan mining area, British Columbia, is also available. Those desirous of obtaining these publications, or either of them, may do so by addressing a postcard to the Director of the Geological Survey, Ottawa, stating what is required and giving address for mailing same.

A Development of Utmost Importance

In its News From Washington, D. C., column, The Boston Commercial on 15th inst. published the following, which will probably interest many British Columbia mining men as well as others who use motor cars:

A development of the utmost importance to the United States and the Allies in the prosecution of the war became known this week through the Interior Department.

A carburetor which can be used with any gasolene engine and which will make it possible to use kerosene for fuel instead of gasolene without any alteration of the engine, has been perfected and application for a patent has been made. The patent rights will be turned over to the Government free of charge, the privileges to continue throughout the war.

Mr. Van H. Manning, Director of the U. S. Bureau of Mines, is satisfied, after investigation and trials of the device, that it will accomplish consistently all that is claimed for it.

Officials here concerned with the problems of supply for the war engines of the American military forces, as well as transportation and aviation experts, are pleased with what they declare to be the solution of one of the greatest problems they have faced. Gasolene was slated to play a highly important part in the war with production more or less limited and the end of the world's supply in sight.

The same publication states that the gasolene production of the United States is reported to have increased from 35,000,000 to 70,000,000 barrels a year since 1914.

Cariboo-Chisholm Creek Mining Co.

On the 22nd inst. The Cariboo Observer, Quesnel, printed the following Cariboo mining news:

"The tunnel of the Cariboo-Chisholm Creek Mining Co., Mr. J. A. Macpherson, manager, cross-cutting the channel, is about two-thirds in gravel, with something like two feet of bedrock in the bottom. The gravel looks well, red, rusty looking stuff, and is well washed. The bedrock, unfortunately, is soft, and although it is not known except to the management what value it contains, not much can be expected until it changes. This may happen in a set or two, when they start up-stream on it."

Gold Commissioner C. W. Grain, of Barkerville, reported for 1915:

"On Chisholm Creek and tributaries Mr. J. A. Macpherson, who owns six or seven leases, has succeeded in interesting Toronto capitalists in his property, and they have had the property inspected by two engineers and have expended considerable money in prospecting.

"Mr. Macpherson sends me the following statement: 'As you are well aware, the work done on the deep ground of Chisholm Creek by the late David Edwards, in the nature of a shaft 203 feet deep sunk to bed-rock and a drive up-stream for 1,200 feet, breaking out from the shaft at the 100-foot level, resulted in no prospects as regards gold. The result of Edwards' work and the information we obtained from the late William Wormald with regard to the operations of the Vulcan Company at the junction of Chisholm and Lightning creeks led us to believe that the deep ground of Chisholm Creek was prospected. In 1914, with the assistance of Toronto capital, we began boring on the west branch, having the idea that the gold lead belonging to Chisholm Creek was there; the results of our boring proving successful and the ground being too wet to sink a shaft, we are now running a drain-tunnel of 1,200 feet to tap the channel.

"'From time to time patches of the surface gravel on Chisholm Creek have been worked, principally by rocking, resulting in considerable gold being recovered, pieces weighing as much as 1 oz. having been found. We have been prospecting these surface gravels as to their course and value, and have succeeded in locating the main run above the old Snowden shaft, where it apparently divided, one part continuing in the present channel of the creek, and other parts up the east and west branches.

"'We are installing a small hydraulic plant to work these surface gravels and will know more about them by next Fall. We have also done considerable prospecting on benches 250 feet higher than the present creek; on one we sunk six shafts from 20 to 50 feet in depth, besides doing considerable tunnel-work.'"

For 1916 the gold commissioner reported: "On Chisholm Creek the Cariboo-Chisholm Creek Mining Company did a considerable amount of work during 1916, and I have to thank J. A. Macpherson, the manager, for kindly sending in the following report:

"'During last March we completed the high benches of the east side of Chisholm Creek by sinking a shaft and drifting out and crosscutting the channel to the outside rim. The ground was 40 feet deep, the channel 14 feet wide on bottom, and the outside rim 20 feet high. The value was too low for drifting, but sufficient for hydraulicking; however, the ground is at too high a level for our present supply of water. A feature of the channel is that it runs toward the Devil's canyon, therefore being directly opposite in direction to Chisholm Creek.

"'At the commencement of the hydraulic season we put in 1,200 feet of pipe-line and began prospecting the surface gravels lying on the clay of the present creek-bed. During the season we laid a sluice of thirty-five boxes on a 4¼ per cent grade, and from this point ran an open-cut for 600 feet through the clay where we broke into the surface gravels; continuing this open-cut, we completely crosscut them. These surface gravels are 740 feet wide and average about 25 feet in depth, and contain good value in heavy gold. The conditions for hydraulicking, such as sluice-grade, dump, material to be moved, and available pressure, are favorable, and the only thing that could hinder very profitable returns from hydraulicking these gravels would be insufficient water. The combined waters of Chisholm, Davis and Jawbone creeks would assure successful operations.

"'During the latter part of November we finished driving the drain-tunnel to tap the deep ground on the west bench; the tunnel is 1,011 feet long, the latter part being in rock. The rock-work was done under contract by McHardie & McDonald, and very satisfactory work and progress was made by them; although the rock was not favorable for fast progress, the contractors drove by hand-work as high as 100 feet month. We are now preparing to bore from the surface and drive a 6-inch casing to tap the drain-tunnel."

DANCE IS PLANNED

Affair Will Take Place in Agricultural Hall, Saanichton, on Monday, Dec. 31—Proceeds to Be Given to Red Cross

The Red Cross organization at Saanichton is giving a social and dance at the Agricultural Hall, Saanichton, on New Year's Eve, Monday, December 31. Preparations are being made for the entertainment of a large number of guests, and it is hoped the affair will be very generously patronised, as the entire proceeds will be handed over to the Red Cross. Good music will be furnished for the dancing, and there will be refreshments during the evening.

Zbyszko Beat Hussane

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 28.—Wladek Zbyszko, the Polish wrestler, defeated Youssuf Hussane in a wrestling match announced for the world's heavyweight title here Christmas night. Zbyszko won the first fall in one hour and forty minutes. His opponent was unable to continue.

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From Vancouver Island Centres

SETTLERS PROTEST CROWN GRANTS DELAY

Nanaimo and Ladysmith Men Send Resolution to Provincial Government Urging Action —Claims Being Pressed.

NANAIMO, Dec. 29.—The recent meeting at South Cedar schoolhouse in the interests of the settlers who have made application for Crown grants under the Vancouver Island Settlers' Rights Act, has caused quite a bit of comment on the Island, especially in the Nanaimo and Ladysmith districts.

Mr. J. H. Hawthornthwaite, who attended the meeting, has been an agitator of this question for some time past. He outlined the whole history of the case, and quoted from the decision of the Privy Council. He recently interested several of the ministers in Victoria, and Premier Brewster intimated that the matter would be taken up in a very short time. The Hon. John Oliver, Minister of Railways, was emphatically of the opinion that the Crown grants should be issued at once to all settlers who had a legal claim. The only rebuff Mr. Hawthornthwaite met was from the Hon. William Sloan, Minister of Mines, who stated that he or the Government had advice of outside counsel on the matter which was strongly adverse. He admitted that the counsel in question was a Vancouver barrister, who, Mr. Hawthornthwaite pointed out, is and has been retained by the companies opposing these claims for many years, and, in fact, is at present retained by them in the dispute now before the courts as to the ownership of the coal under the school reserve claimed by settlers in that district. Mr. Hawthornthwaite advised that any action had better be delayed until the matter had been formally presented to the Government.

The following resolution was carried unanimously:

"Whereas, the Provincial Government at the last session of the House amended the Vancouver Island Settlers' Rights Act to allow all settlers entitled to crown grants to make application for same, and,

"Whereas over one hundred settlers have complied with the law so far as it is in their power to do so, and have not yet received their grants or any explanation as to the cause of the delay;

"Therefore, be it resolved that this meeting protests against any further delay in the administration of the act and respectfully request the Government to issue crown grants, including mineral rights to which the applicants are entitled according to the decision of the Privy Council at the earliest possible moment;

"And be it further resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Honorable Minister of Mines, the Honorable Attorney-General and the Premier of the Province."

CIVIC ELECTIONS NEAR

NANAIMO, Dec. 28.—The council have decided that nominations for the mayoralty and aldermanic board and police commissionerships be received in the council chamber on Monday, January 14. Voting will take place in the council chamber on Thursday, January 17, between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Mr. Fred. G. Peto is returning officer.

78 PARKSVILLE PUPILS TREATED BY SANTA

PARKSVILLE—Santa Claus last week visited the Parksville School, which was prettily decorated. Seventy-eight children received presents from the old gentleman.

Miss Burrill, who for over a year has taught the Parksville children, is leaving the district, and next term will teach at Revelstoke. Under her management the pupils here had a garden full of useful produce, and were able to forward over $40 to the Production and Patriotic Fund under the auspices of the Provincial Government.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Ford, who were married two weeks ago, spent Christmas with Mrs. Ford's mother, at the Rod and Gun. On Wednesday last Mrs. Hirst held a reception in honor of the newly-married couple, which was largely attended by the residents of Parksville, where Mrs. Ford was born and brought up.

There is a rumor in Parksville that the local taxpayers are liable to be represented in the Provincial House at the coming session, but those in the "know" say that such an idea must be the result of too much Christmas cheer.

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To make this splendid cough syrup, pour 2½ ounces of Pinex (50 cents worth) into a 16-oz. bottle and fill the bottle with plain granulated sugar syrup and shake thoroughly. You then have 16 ounces—a family supply of a much better cough syrup than you could buy ready-made for $2.50. Keeps perfectly and children love its pleasant taste.

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CONVALESCENT MEN GET HOLIDAY LEAVE

QUALICUM, Dec. 28.—Soldiers at Qualicum Beach Military Convalescent Hospital are enjoying the holidays. Those able are visiting their parents, while the rest, confined to the hospital, are being entertained by the many visitors.

Lieut.-Col. J. J. Charples, O.C. the Military Convalescent Hospitals, issued a circular letter to the officer commanding each unit authorizing him to allow all men who are regarded fit by the medical officer and in good standing to spend the Christmas and New Year holidays at home, from December 23 to January 3.

The boys at the sanatoria, who are unable to leave, will be given leave at another time because of the danger of overdoing it if they are allowed to go home at New Year. They may unknowingly overtax their strength and retard their recovery many months.

DUNCAN MASONS TREAT SOLDIERS' KIDDIES

Hold Christmas Tree Social for Over One Hundred Children and Their Mothers—Santa Gives Each a Present.

DUNCAN, Dec. 28.—That the Masonic Lodge of Duncan excelled all former records was the opinion of all who were fortunate enough to attend the Christmas treat yesterday, from 4 to 9 o'clock, in the Odd Fellows' Hall, Duncan. It must be a great comfort for the men who have gone overseas who are members of the lodge to hear and realize that their loved ones at home are so well remembered and such brightness and cheer given to them.

There were entertained all the immediate relatives of the members of the lodge, and some 100 children with their parents had a most happy time. The grown-ups joined with the children in playing many of the good old-fashioned games. Then there were several contests for just the children, with little prizes for the winners. The Punch and Judy Show was a great source of merriment for the children. Dancing, in which both the children and their elders took part, afforded much enjoyment.

About 6:30 o'clock all present formed in marching order, the wee tots heading the procession, and were greeted at the door by the good old Saint Nicholas, laden down with a big pack on his back. In his happy and genial manner he greeted the children and told them to follow him. He headed the procession into the lodge room, which had been kept closed, and here the children were delighted with a huge Christmas tree, most beautifully decorated and laden down with gifts for every child present. Bright ornaments and colored electric lights made it wonderfully effective. The wee tots received a ball and bags of candy, then the older ones, according to their age, received suitable books, with their names inscribed.

Credit for the success is due to Mr. H. F. Prevost, Master of the Lodge, for he was responsible for the Christmas tree and choosing the gifts. Working with him was a committee consisting of Mr. W. L. Dunn, Mr. C. O'Neil and Mr. James Greig.

A committee of ladies consisting of Mrs. C. H. Dickie, Mrs. W. L. Dunn Mrs. T. Pitt and Miss Livingston looked after the supper.

Lodge members provided cars to take home all who lived at a distance.

Quite a number of Duncan people went down to the Children's Fancy Dress Ball held at the Buena Vista Hotel, Cowichan Bay, last night, in aid of the South Cowichan branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society.

NANAIMO "A" MEN ORDERED TO REPORT

Some Coming to Willows Camp, Victoria, While Others Go to Hastings Park, Vancouver, Next Thursday.

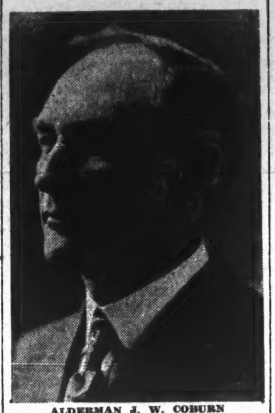
NANAIMO, Dec. 28.—Already a large number of Nanaimo boys have received their notification to report for service at Willows Camp, Victoria, and Hastings Park, Vancouver, on January 3.

All Class "A" men will receive this warning to report for service who have not been exempted. It has been announced that each battalion will take care of one hundred men every other day and that transportation and subsistence at the rate of $2 per day will accompany the order in all cases except where the depot battalion are situated. It is desired to make it plain that the draftees will receive the same treatment at the hands of the military authorities as those who enlisted voluntarily for service before the proclamation was issued.

"B," "C" and "E" men will in due course receive their exemption certificates until the services of men in their respective medical categories are required. But it is the duty of all "A" men holding conditional certificates within three days after the conditions stated therein cease to exist, or after exemption terminates, to give notice in writing of such fact to the registrar of the Province in which he resides. If he fails without reasonable excuse to do so he shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding $250, and, moreover, be arrested and put into uniform.

ALDERMAN COBURN TO LEAVE CIVIC ARENA

Private Business Will Engage All Time of Nanaimo Official —Has Splendid Record of Public Service.



ALDERMAN J. W. COBURN
—Photo by Joyner.

NANAIMO, Dec. 28.—Alderman John W. Coburn announced to The Colonist tonight that he was retiring from the city council as his work with the Ladysmith Lumber Company requires all his attention. Alderman Coburn is one of Nanaimo's oldest council members, and has considerable experience in municipal matters, having been for two years mayor of Wellington, and first mayor to be elected in Ladysmith, where he held the chair for two years, both times being elected by acclamation.

In Nanaimo Alderman Coburn has served on the school board for four years and on the council for three years. During this time he has helped to solve many difficult problems. During the past year he has been chairman of the finance committee and has prosecuted a campaign of retrenchment, which by the end of the term he expects will show excellent results.

A rumor had spread over Nanaimo during the past few weeks that Mr. Coburn was intending to run for the mayoralty honors, but this he has denied, and much regret will be felt when he retires from municipal affairs.

LADYSMITH TEACHERS THANKFUL FOR RAISE

LADYSMITH, Dec. 28.—At the regular monthly meeting of the Ladysmith School Board last evening the following members were present: Chairman Akenhead, Trustees Comley, Burns and Wright.

A communication from the public school teachers thanking the board for the recent increase in their salaries was duly ordered filed. Accounts for salaries and expenses for the month of December were passed and ordered sent to the city council for payment.

A communication from Mr. C. R. Drader, assistant High School teacher, setting forth his reasons for resigning, was ordered received and filed. The secretary reported having sent applications for position of High School assistant down to the department in Victoria for recommendation, but as there was no reply from the department the matter was laid on the table to be dealt with when recommendation comes in.

Miss Glen, assistant principal in the public school, who had not been granted an increase with the rest of the staff, was given an advance of 10 per cent on salary.

The board then adjourned, to meet again as soon as recommendations arrived from department in Victoria.

PTE. E. MILLBURN INJURED

NANAIMO, Dec. 28.—Word has been received by Mrs. Millburn, of Fairview, from the Canadian Red Cross Society, London, England, notifying her that her son, Pte. E. Millburn, has been wounded in both legs and the left eye.

Pte. Millburn is with the 54th Canadian and has been in France for some time. At present he is in the Duchess of Connaught Hospital, Taplow, Buck, England. During his time in the hospital he is visited by the society's authorized visitor, Miss Aird, who reports that he was seriously injured, is now up and is going on well.

Sends Aid to Halifax

NANAIMO, Dec. 28.—The Bastion chapter, I. O. D. E., sent six cases of clothing to Halifax this afternoon. Mrs. Power, of Bastion chapter, and Miss Ingham, of Red Cross, were in charge of collections.

Urges Aid for Firemen

NANAIMO, Dec. 28.—Aldermen Ferguson has reminded the council that nothing has been done in the matter of fire insurance for the local firemen, and urges that this question be dealt with promptly.



SANTA GIVES PRESENTS TO INDIAN CHILDREN

NANAIMO, Dec. 28.—Thursday evening the Indian children of Nanaimo, to the number of 100, were given a Christmas entertainment at the Indian Mission. The whole entertainment was given by the Indians, not like in previous years, white children and adults from the Sunday school of the city taking part.

Through the efforts of Mrs. Emery, organist and choir leader; Mrs. Boole, of the teaching staff, and Rev. R. P. Kelly, in charge of the Nanaimo Mission, the entertainment was most enjoyable. The scholars of the Indian school have made so much progress in their musical education that the choir now occupies a leading position among the local Sunday schools.

The presents on the large Christmas tree were the gifts of the Wallace Street Methodist Church.

The programme rendered during the evening follows: "Song of Wondrous Beauty," choir; "O Canada," by the school; drill, "Mother Goose," by the boys; "Ring Out the Christmas Bells," choir; song, "Jesus Bids Us Shine With a Clear Blue Flame," school; drill, by eight girls; anthem, choir; song, "Sunbeams for Jesus," school; National Anthem.

NANAIMO ELKS PLAY SANTA TO CHILDREN

Soldiers' Kiddies Entertained by Members of Local Order —480 Youngsters Receive Christmas Gifts.

NANAIMO, Dec. 28.—Nanaimo opera house was packed to its doors this evening, when over 480 children of Nanaimo soldiers were entertained by the local order of Elks. Mr. H. N. Freeman, who acted as chairman, gave a short address in which he stated that the Elks were going to do all in their power to look after the soldiers' kiddies of this city, and hoped that they would not have long to wait for their own fathers to return and play Santa Claus once more. The following programme was rendered: Mr. Forman, song; Miss Jean Patterson and Miss Hazel Martin, sketch; Mr. Peter McAlpine, song; Miss Dorothy Trawford, song; Miss Kathleen McLean, of Vancouver, song; Miss Betty Wilcox, recitation. Miss Dolly Fisher acted as accompanist.

Mr. Freeman expressed thanks to Mrs. W. W. Lewis and the committee of ladies which was in charge of the entertainment, and to Mr. R. Kaplansky, and the committee which helped the ladies in preparing the affair. The stage was covered with presents, and every soldier's kiddie in Nanaimo received a Christmas remembrance. Mayor McKenzie gave a short address during the evening.

NANAIMO NOTES

On exhibition in the window of Forcimmer's jewelry store is the Vancouver Island Mining Safety Association trophy shield for the annual competition among the Draeger teams of the coal mines of the Island. The shield is a fine specimen of the silversmith's art and has been greatly admired.

Meets Brother After 23 Years

News has just been received by Mrs. J. W. Wagstaff, Selby Street, of the strange meeting of her two brothers, Pte. "Gill" Windley and Sergt. H. Windley, in the shell zone in France. Sergt. Windley was going into the trenches at the time while Pte. Windley was coming out. Pte. Windley went overseas with the 231st Battalion and lived in Nanaimo before enlisting, and had not seen his brother, who is serving with the 108th Battalion, for the past 23 years.

Subscribers to the Victory Bond should remember to take their provisional receipts with them when about to pay the instalment which falls due on January 2, 1918.

Held Dance

The Tennis Club held their dance in the Foresters' Hall last evening which proved quite a success. There were not very many present, but everyone had a most enjoyable time.

Mrs. Joseph Taylor, 355 Nicol Street, won the miniature home drawn for by the Cedar Red Cross.

Ticket No. 185 won the large turkey drawn for at the Farmers' Market. If not claimed by Saturday another drawing will be held.

The Canadian Red Cross Society acknowledge a donation of $19.10 from the Canadian Explosives; $13.05 from Mrs. White, Cedar raffle of doll's home, and $51.70 for Prisoners of War Fund from the Nanaimo public schools.

Mr. A. B. Beach passed through here yesterday en route to South Wellington where he has accepted a position with the Pacific Coast Coal Mines. Mr. Beach left this city over two years ago with the overseas forces and since has been doing his bit in France. He was recently invalided back to Canada and his many friends in Nanaimo will be pleased to hear of his return.

"Messiah" to Be Rendered

"The Messiah," by combined choir and orchestra, on Sunday evening at 8:30 will be rendered in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. A collection will be taken for the Halifax Relief Fund.

The lucky numbers in the drawing at St. Ann's Convent on Monday were: 1st, No. 456, Mrs. James Hardy; 2nd, No. 92, Mr. A. Lorandini; 3rd, No. 80, Mr. O. D. Richards, and 4th, No. 564, Mrs. Black.

Mr. A. Hart, of Dawson, is spending a few days in the city en route to the capital, where he intends to spend the Winter months with relatives.

Mrs. R. B. Hedley and Miss Hedley, of Vancouver, arrived last evening on the SS. Princess Patricia and are guests at the Windsor Hotel.

Mr. H. Elphick, of Vancouver, is a business visitor in town.

Mrs. Thompson and Miss Irvins, of Victoria, are spending a vacation in the city, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Knarston, Selby Street.

Mr. G. Bevilockway is over from North Vancouver on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Knarston.

A son was what Santa Claus brought Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Moore, Commercial Street, on Christmas morning.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Smith returned home last evening after spending the Christmas with Mrs. Smith's parents in Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Collier and their three daughters, Olive, Louise and Pearl, of Prince Rupert, accompanied by Mr. George Arthur, are the guests, for the New Year holiday, of Mrs. Broad and Mrs. Jonard, Milton Street.

Chief Constable Stephenson, of the Provincial Police, with his family, is spending the holidays in Seattle.

Mr. N. E. Carter arrived in the city Thursday evening, in the interests of the local branch of the Sprott-Shaw Business College to be reopened in the Free Press Block on January 3. Mr. Carter is leaving the city shortly for the Mainland.

Mr. L. H. Dougall, Mr. A. E. Smith, Mr. C. Grant, Mr. R. Will, Mr. B. Holmes, Mr. A. E. Sheffield, Miss P. Adams and Mr. R. Beech are Vancouver visitors at the Windsor Hotel.

Mr. G. Davis, of Cumberland, after a short visit to Nanaimo, has left for the Mainland.

Mr. B. Fusco, of Kamloops, is a business visitor in town.

Mr. H. H. Lago, of Vancouver, arrived from the Mainland last evening on business.

Mr. and Mrs. H. McAdie, Albert Street, have returned home after spending the Christmas holidays in Vancouver.

Among the passengers on the Princess Patricia last evening were Mr. J. Westwood, Mrs. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Bate and Mr. Joseph Fox.

Mr. Gerald Davis, of Cumberland, arrived in the city yesterday from Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Jackson have left for Seattle, where they will spend the New Year holidays.

BRING GIFTS FOR POOR

NANAIMO, Dec. 28.—The annual Christmas entertainment of St. Andrew's Church Sunday school was held Thursday evening, and an enjoyable evening was spent by the children.

An excellent programme was followed by the arrival of Santa Claus by aeroplane, his coming being announced to the children by wireless messages. After the distribution of gifts an adjournment was taken to the schoolroom, where refreshments were served.

The children of the Sunday school brought a number of presents for the poor children of the city, this being the most pleasant feature of the entertainment.

LADYSMITH MASONS KEEP ST. JOHN'S DAY

LADYSMITH, Dec. 28.—St. John's night, which is observed by Masons the world over, was duly commemorated by St. John's Lodge, No. 21, A. F. & A. M., at Ladysmith, last evening.

Lodge was opened at 6:30 o'clock for installing officers-elect for the ensuing year. Worshipful Past Master Harry Hughes in the absence of a Grand Lodge official, took charge of the installation ceremonies. The following officers were installed: Worshipful master, Bro. Israel Keast; senior warden, Bro. R. Thompson; junior warden, Jas. Nimmo; secretary, Bro. D. Nicholson; treasurer, Bro. M. Matheson; senior deacon, Bro. Isaac Heyes; junior deacon, Bro. David Davidson; stewards, Bros. A. Michie and Donald Cook; inside guard, Bro. C. Bennle; tyler, Bro. John Herries.

The first part of the social evening was devoted to a twelve-hand whist drive. Following were the winners: Ladies, 1st, Miss C. Keast; ladies consolation, Mrs. J. Burns; gentlemen, 1st, Mr. R. Thompson; gentlemen's, consolation, Mr. W. McClellan. Following the whist drive the ladies of the Eastern Star Lodge served a luncheon, which elicited for the ladies many complimentary remarks from the visitors and members of St. John's.

After the tables were cleared a short musical programme was given, including solos from Bros. W. M. Allister and R. Thompson, and Sister Thompson. The toast to visiting brothers was ably responded to by Bro. J. O. Stinson, who gave a short review of the origin, work and objects of Free Masonry. Instructive addresses along patriotic and fraternal lines were given by Past Worshipful Masters Stewart and Fraser.

IMPORTED LIQUOR STEALS USER'S BRAINS

NANAIMO, Dec. 28.—Pte. Mike Morning, a returned soldier, is in the city jail, having been found in the street last evening apparently out of his mind. He is said to have been drinking rye whiskey imported from Alberta. The police state that several similar cases have been reported since the enforcement of prohibition, and these have always been traced to the use of imported liquor. As soon as Morning recovers himself the police will release him.

VICTORIA WAR WORKER

Mrs. Harold Pethick Mentioned in Article by Lady Benson in Christmas Number of Windsor Magazine—Lived Here

In an article by Lady Benson in the Christmas number of The Windsor Magazine, mention is made, in the foreword, by the editor, of the writer's fellow-workers in the "Cantines des Dames Anglaises," of which she was for some time directress. Among those named is Mrs. Pethick, for several years a resident of Victoria, and at one time a member of the Women's Auxiliary of the Connaught Seamen's Institute. Her husband left here with the 62nd Battery, 16th R. F. A., in May, 1916, and a few months afterwards she followed him to England with the idea of taking up war-work of some kind. This she soon had an opportunity of doing. Sir Frank and Lady Benson invited her to join them in their canteen work under the French Red Cross in France, where she remained for a considerable time, giving her services in a movement which has done incalculable good in providing comfort for the poilus and Tommies passing to and fro in the war-ridden country.

Lady Benson's narrative of their experiences in the article referred to is very interesting. For Shakespearean students and playgoers, as the editor notes, it is especially so, in that the writer is an actress whose repertoire includes the roles of the principal French women of Shakespeare's plays: Constance in "King John," Katherine of Valois in "Henry V.," Margaret of Anjou in the three parts of "Henry VI.," the Countess of Rouisillon in "All's Well That Ends Well," and Rosaline, in "Love's Labor Lost." Sir Frank Benson, the impersonator of Shakespeare's Frenchmen; Dr. Caius, Biron and Parolles headed her staff of workers, among whom, besides Mrs. Pethick, already mentioned, were: Mr. H. O. Nicholson, the well known comedian of the Benson Company, Miss Hawkins, Miss Dorothy Hawkins, the singer, often heard in incidental songs in the Benson productions, and Miss Olga Jubb.

Mrs. Pethick is a sister of Lieut. G. P. Napier, formerly of the Public Works Department, now home on leave. Her husband is with a railway construction corps in France.



RED CROSS WORK

Red Cross Receives $8,969.11

The Victoria City and District branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society has received the following amounts from Mrs. F. B. Pemberton: $2,462.45, the proceeds from the Fair of the Allies held on November 23, in aid of the Prisoners of War Fund; $132.65, the proceeds from the raffle of a collection of jewelry, also held for the benefit of the Prisoners of War Fund; and $367.01, the proceeds from the sale of novelties in Mrs. Pemberton's Gift Shop in aid of the Halifax Relief Fund.

Mount Tolmie Branch

The following supplies were made by the workers of the Mount Tolmie Red Cross branch during the past month and turned into the Temple Building headquarters: 25 suits pajamas, 21 shirts, 59 pairs socks, two face cloths, six abdominal bandages, 195 chest bandages and 10 stretcher caps.

Further British Red Cross Gifts

Additional subscriptions to the "Our Day" collection made on behalf of the British Red Cross funds have been received recently by the Victoria City and District branch of the Canadian Red Cross, and bring the total received to date to $13,279. They were from Fernie, B. C., $632.50; Comox, $15; 150-Mile House, $35, additional contribution; Windermere, B. C., $10; Arrow Park Women's Institute, $16.

Navy Men Express Thanks

Four seamen on the H. M. C. S. Margaret have written from an Atlantic port to tender their heartfelt thanks to the ladies of the Esquimalt Red Cross branch for a consignment of warm woollen comforts, including socks, mufflers and mitts. The cases arrived at a time when these articles were much needed by the men, and so were doubly welcome. The letter is signd by S. Maude, C. Harding, J. McDonough, D. Smith, all former members of the crew of the H. M. C. S. Rainbow, now serving on the North Atlantic aboard the H. M. C. S. Margaret.

Hint to Young Men

Young men can aid in the conservation of coal and electric current by terminating their calls at a patriotic hour. Besides, every girl needs a certain amount of sleep.—Pittsburg Gazette-Times.

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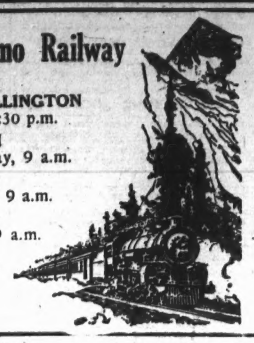
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The extension of time to January the 11th is given for the convenience of subscribers and Banks so that subscribers will not be unduly detained waiting their turn at a Receiving Teller's wicket, as would most likely be the case if all payments had to be made on one day only. Subscribers should not wait until January the 11th, or a day or so before, and thus create the situation sought to be avoided. In every case, interest at the rate of five and one half per cent per annum from January the 2nd must be paid if payment is not made on or before the 11th.

For the convenience of subscribers, by arrangement of the Canadian Bankers' Association, Banks will remain open on the evenings of Thursday and Friday, January 3rd and 4th, and on the afternoon of Saturday, January the 5th. Evening hours 7.30 to 9.30. Saturday afternoon from 2 until 6 o'clock.

It has been brought to the attention of the Finance Department that a considerable number of subscribers, who have deposits with Banks, are under the impression that their Banks will take care of their January payments by automatically debiting their accounts with the necessary payments. This is incorrect. Each and every subscriber must personally arrange for these payments.

T. C. BOVILLE, Deputy Minister of Finance.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, Ottawa, Dec. 24th, 1917.

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RAILWAY MEASURE ADVANCES PRICES

Effect of Government Action in Taking Control Materially Affects Market—Strong Demand Is in Evidence.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Increasing recognition of the advantages accruing to rails from Government control, especially low priced and reorganized roads, doubtless impelled the sweeping demand at materially higher levels for that class of stocks in today's broad and active market.

This feeling was encouraged by the declaration of initial dividends on the new 7 and 6 per cent preferred shares of the Rock Island road. Those issues made extreme gains of 13 and 11 points respectively for the day and 21½ to 23½ points over Wednesday's final quotations.

In keeping with the theory of Governmental guarantees was the 5 point rise in Ne wHaven. A $45,000,000 note obligation of that company matures next May, and it is assumed that Washington will take on that burden.

Evidently the same line of reasoning applied to various utilities, gains of 3¼ to 5¾ points in that group resulting from buying based on the belief of a maintenance of dividends.

Investment rails retained practically all of yesterday's substantial gains, when they were not supplemented by further advances of 2 to 5 points, notably in Pacific's grangers and some of the coalers. Seasoned industrials, equipments, coppers, motors and a score of specialties registered gross advances of 2 to 5 points, those being partly surrendered in the realizing of the last hour. Sales amounted to 1,185,000 shares.

The general bond market, especially rails, was strong on more diversified demand. Liberty 4's ruled at 97.08 to 96.90, and the 3½ at 98.52 to 98.40. Total sales, par value, aggregated $7,125,000. Old United States 4's rose ¼ per cent on call.

(Supplied by Burdick Bros. & Brett, Ltd.)

Stocks—	Open.	Close.
Amn. Can. Co.	36	36
Amn. Car Fdy.	69⅛	69⅛
Amn. Loco.	53⅝	54⅛
Anaconda Mining	58⅛	58⅝
Atchison	86	85⅝
Baldwin Loco.	57	57⅛
Balt. and Ohio	52⅝	53
Beth. Steel	73⅛	73⅜
Canadian Pac.	134⅜	135
Central Leather	62⅝	61⅛
Crucible Steel	52⅛	52⅛
Ches. and Ohio	48⅝	50⅛
Chic., Mil. and St. P.	46⅛	46⅛
Erie	15⅝	17
Gen. Electric	125⅝	127⅛
Great Nor. pfd.	90⅞	91
Inspr. Copper	43⅛	43⅛
Int. Mer. Marine pfd.	50⅛	50⅛
Kennecott Copper	31½	31⅝
Lehigh Valley	58⅛	58⅛
Lack. Steel	73⅛	73⅛
Midvale Steel	43⅛	43⅛
Mex. Petro.	74⅛	76⅛
N. Y., N. H. and H.	30¾	31⅛
N. Y. Central	72	72⅝
Northern Pac.	87⅛	87⅛
Pennsylvania R. R.	47	47
Pressed Steel Car	59⅛	59⅛
Reading	72¼	72⅛
Republic Steel	78⅛	77⅝
Southern Pac.	84	84⅝
Southern Ry., com.	24⅛	24⅝
Studebaker Corp.	44	45⅛
Union Pac.	111⅛	114
Utah Copper	79	78⅛
U. S. Ind. Alcohol	117	117⅛
U. S. Steel, com.	87½	88

LOCAL STOCK QUOTATIONS

(Furnished by F. W. Stevenson, Pemberton Block) No. 133

Stocks—	Bid.	Asked.
Athabasca Oil	$ .30	$ ...
Alberta Petrol	.01	.01¾
B. C. Refining	19.00	...
B .C. Permanent	....	55.00
Blackbird	18.00	...
Caledonia	.42	...
Canada Copper	1.50	1.75
Crow's Nest	...	56.00
Coronation	.05	...
Granby	72.00	...
Great West Perm.	...	65.00
Howe Sound	3.25	3.75
Hecla	4.50	5.00
Int. Coal	.06	.08
McGillivray	.10	...
Pitt Meadows	.10	.15
Rambler-Cariboo	.06	.10
Nabob	.05	.06
Standard	.25	.50
Scratch Gravel	.15	...
Slocan Star	.01	.02½
Stewart	.10	.40
Success	.08	.12
Trojan Oil	.03½	.04½

PUBLIC MARKET

New Year's market days, Saturday, December 29, and Monday, December 31, 1917, will witness a large attendance of producers and full lines of all seasonable produce. Fresh local vegetables, eggs, butter, poultry, meats, fish and home-made confectionery. Come to market early.

INVESTIGATION OF I.W.W. CONSPIRACIES

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 27.—Federal authorities investigating an alleged dynamiting conspiracy here began today an examination of the evidence seized by the police in raids on the I.W.W. headquarters, following the arrest Saturday of William Hood and G. F. Voetter, who are held prisoners in the county jail on charges of unlawfully transporting dynamite. Subpoenas have been issued at the request of Thomas Mulhall, deputy United States marshal, for witnesses, who will be called to testify for the Government at the hearing January 5 of Hood and Voetter, before United States Commissioner Martin I. Welsh. At the same time Mulhall and Don Rathbun, of the Department of Justice, were preparing to take up the investigation of the cases of 48 other alleged I.W.W., who are being held in the city jail.

SKEENA DISTRICT MAY BE UNIONIST

Word Received by Cable That Soldiers' Vote Is Going Heavily for Colonel C. W. Peck

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 28.—A cable has been received in the city stating that the total soldiers' vote for Lieut.-Col. C. W. Peck, the Unionist candidate in Skeena, amounts to 1,250.

As the majority of Mr. Fred Stork, the Laurier candidate, on the home vote does not exceed 450, it appears highly probable that Skeena will line up finally in the Unionist column, giving the Government solid backing from British Columbia.

The cable indicated that the soldiers were believed to be voting at least 90 per cent for Peck, which, if so, will give him a fair majority on the total vote.

WIRE TROUBLE HAMPERS BROKERS

Owing to wire trouble throughout the Eastern Provinces and States, we were only able to get the opening and closing prices on a few of the more important stocks.

Burdick Brothers & Brett, Ltd.
Victoria, B. C., Friday, December 28, 1917

PLAN TO EDUCATE MEN FOR MERCHANT MARINE

United States and Japan Adopt Nautical School Plan—War's Tonnage Demands Were Inducement.

The idea of establishing nautical schools for the training of boys and young men for service on the mercantile marine fleets of the world is fast growing. The United States, as soon as it entered the war, was not slow to learn the advantages of the system, and there are now several training stations at various seaports, their purpose being to supply an adequate number of trained merchant seamen to meet the demands of the war.

Japan is the latest country to adopt the plan. Owing to the increasing requirements for more seamen, in consequence of the many new ships being turned out there, the Japan Marine Association is now contemplating the establishment of a school with the object of training sailors and stokers. In this scheme the association is strongly supported by Japan's three leading shipping firms, the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, the Osaka Shoshen Kaisha and the Toyo Kisen Kaisha.

Japanese System

It is proposed by the association to admit forty students every two months. They will be graduated in that period, during which time they will be given primary education. While they are in the school their expenses of board, school fees and pocket money will be paid by the association on condition that they shall be under direct supervision of the association for a period of five years after their graduation. They will be employed by one of the three shipping companies after they finish school. It is expected that the new school will be opened in January.

How to man ships is becoming a more and more important issue with the increase in tonnage construction.

With this object in view, the Japanese Government has decided to extend on a large scale all publicly-owned mercantile marine schools where men may learn to become captains, deck officers, engineers and pursers.

Plot to Burn Elevators

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 28.—Upon conclusion of a preliminary investigation of an explosion and fire which destroyed a grain elevator at Carlton early last Sunday, Harvey Wells, state fire marshal, today declared he was convinced the destruction was wrought as the result of a concerted plot to burn grain warehouses and mills at a number of Willamette Valley towns. Federal authorities have been notified, Mr. Wells said. Near the scene of the Carlton fire, fuse, dynamite and nitro-glycerine were found. The damage by the fire was upwards of $20,000.

Just a German Tiff

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 28.—William Kafits, said to be a wealthy German, who was taken to a hospital today with a bullet wound in his left shoulder after an altercation with his wife, Mrs. Maude Kafits, denied tonight her assertion that the trouble grew out of her purchase of Liberty Bonds. He also denied he had attacked her before the shooting.

NORTHERN CROWN BANK

HEAD OFFICE, WINNIPEG

DIVIDEND NO. 18

Notice is hereby given that a Dividend at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum on the paid-up Capital Stock of this Bank has been declared for the six months ending November 30, 1917, and that same will be payable at its Banking House in this city, and at all its Branches on or after the 2nd day of January, 1918, to shareholders of record at the close of business on the 15th day of December, 1917. The Transfer Books of the Bank will be closed from the 17th day of December to the 31st day of December, both inclusive.

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FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL STATEMENT of The Royal Bank of Canada

GENERAL STATEMENT

30TH NOVEMBER 1917

LIABILITIES

TO THE PUBLIC:		
Deposits not bearing interest	$ 70,498,667.26	
Deposits bearing interest, including interest accrued to date of statement	182,488,715.55	
		$252,987,382.81
Notes of the Bank in Circulation		8,159,351.49
Balance due to Dominion Government		14,582,659.38
Balances due to other Banks in Canada	$ 364,787.53	
Balances due to Banks and Banking Correspondents in the United Kingdom and foreign countries	5,801,808.96	
		6,166,596.49
Bills Payable		297,494.63
Acceptances under Letters of Credit		5,510,310.96
		$307,703,795.76
TO THE SHAREHOLDERS:		
Capital Stock Paid in		12,911,700.00
Reserve Fund	$ 14,000,000.00	
Balance of Profits carried forward	564,364.53	
		14,564,364.53
Dividend No. 121 (at 12 per cent. per annum), payable December 1st, 1917	$ 387,351.00	
Dividends Unclaimed	7,075.23	
		394,426.23
		$335,574,186.52

ASSETS

Current Coin	$ 16,079,830.91	
Dominion Notes	18,284,444.75	
	$ 34,364,275.66	
Deposit in the Central Gold Reserves	16,000,000.00	
Deposit with the Minister for the purposes of the Circulation Fund	645,585.00	
Notes of other Banks	5,306,303.91	
Cheques on other Banks	15,283,364.45	
Balances due by other Banks in Canada	229,568.41	
Balances due by Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada	10,704,338.84	
Dominion and Provincial Government Securities, not exceeding market value	22,322,197.31	
Canadian Municipal Securities and British, Foreign and Colonial Public Securities other than Canadian, not exceeding market value	21,586,545.77	
Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks, not exceeding market value	13,777,503.85	
Call Loans in Canada, on Bonds, Debentures and Stocks	12,040,687.27	
Call and Short (not exceeding thirty days) Loans elsewhere than in Canada	14,574,136.32	
		$165,836,706.79
Other Current Loans and Discounts in Canada (less rebate of interest)	$102,358,027.10	
Other Current Loans and Discounts elsewhere than in Canada (less rebate of interest)	53,764,087.92	
Overdue Debts (estimated loss provided for)	490,064.82	
		156,613,139.84
Real Estate other than Bank Premises		1,114,553.61
Bank Premises, at not more than cost, less amounts written off		6,371,329.36
Liabilities of Customers under Letters of Credit, as per contra		5,510,310.96
Other Assets not included in the foregoing		129,156.96
		$335,574,186.52

H. S. HOLT, President. EDSON L. PEASE, Managing Director. C. E. NEILL, General Manager.

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

WE REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA:

That in our opinion the transactions of the Bank which have come under our notice have been within the powers of the Bank.

That we have checked the cash and verified the securities of the Bank at the Chief Office at 30th November, 1917, as well as at another time, as required by Section 56 of the Bank Act, and that we found they agreed with the entries in the books in regard thereto. We also during the year checked the cash and verified the securities at the principal branches.

That the above Balance Sheet has been compared by us with the books at the Chief Office and with the certified returns from the Branches, and in our opinion is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Bank's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Bank.

That we have obtained all the information and explanations required by us.

JAMES MARWICK, C.A., S. ROGER MITCHELL, C.A., } Auditors, of Marwick, Mitchell, Peat and Co.

Montreal, Canada, 18th December, 1917.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Balance of Profit and Loss Account, 30th November, 1916		$ 852,346.28
Profits for the year, after deducting charges of management and all other expenses, accrued interest on deposits, full provision for all bad and doubtful debts and rebate of interest on unmatured bills	2,337,979.51	
		$ 3,190,325.79
APPROPRIATED AS FOLLOWS:—		
Dividends Nos. 118, 119, 120 and 121, at 12 per cent. per annum	$ 1,549,404.00	
Transferred to Officers' Pension Fund	100,000.00	
Written off Bank Premises Account	250,000.00	
War Tax on Bank Note Circulation	128,357.28	
Contribution to Patriotic Fund	60,000.00	
Transferred to Reserve Fund	328,200.00	
Balance of Profit and Loss carried forward	564,364.53	
		$ 3,190,325.79

RESERVE FUND

Balance at Credit 30th November, 1916		$ 12,560,000.00
Premium on New Capital Stock issued to Quebec Bank Shareholders	911,799.68	
Transferred from Profit and Loss Account	528,200.00	
Balance at Credit 30th November, 1917		$ 14,000,000.00

H. S. HOLT, President. EDSON L. PEASE, Managing Director. C. E. NEILL, General Manager.

Montreal, 18th December, 1917.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

BIRTHS

ANSTEY—To Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Anstey, of 1557 Oakland Ave., on December 27th, a son.

BIRSS—At St. Joseph's Hospital, on the 26th inst., to Mr. and Mrs. David Birss, a daughter.

MORGAN—On December 21, at The Cotswold, Galiano Island, to the wife of Cyril Morgan, a son.

DEATHS

SPARROW—On the 27th inst. at the Jubilee Hospital, Mrs. Rebecca Sparrow, aged 66 years, born in London, Ontario and a resident of this city for the past five years, late residence, 2635 Victor Street. She leaves to mourn her loss, one sister and one brother, of this city; one sister in Michigan and two brothers in Saskatchewan.

The funeral will take place on Saturday, the 29th inst., at 2 o'clock from the Sands Funeral Chapel. Rev. J. Robson will officiate.

ROLFE—On Thursday, Dec. 27, 1917, at the residence, 1215 Seaview Avenue, Victor Floran, dearly beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. V. McNaughton Rolfe, aged 11 months.

The remains are reposing at the chapel of the B. C. Funeral Co., from where the funeral will take place on Saturday, December 29, at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick will officiate. Burial will be made in Ross Bay Cemetery.

CHURCH—On December 28, 1917, at St. Joseph's Hospital, John Wesley Church, M.A., of Corrig College, in his 57th year. The funeral will take place from the residence on Sunday, Dec. 30, at 2:15 p.m., and fifteen minutes later at Christ Church Cathedral. Interment in Ross Bay Cemetery.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

McVickers' Gift Shop will open Jan. 2, at 1421 Government Street.

"J" Unit Chapter, I.O.D.E., is holding a dance in aid of returned soldiers on New Year's Eve, in the Alexandra. Tickets, 50c, at Terry's and Wilkerson's.

The A. O. F. will hold a Military 500 at Foresters' Hall, Broad St., Monday, Dec. 31st, at 8:30 p. m., in aid of Halifax Relief Fund. Special prizes and social after game. Tickets 25c, at Peden Bros., Gov't. Street.

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Colfax Sewing Circle will hold Military 500, Dec. 31, in I.O.O.F. Hall, Douglas Street. Tickets at Peden Bros.

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WE pay top prices for clothing, furniture, stoves, old teeth, and anything of value. Call anywhere, any time. Phone 3215.

WANTED—One wheel chair, must be in good condition. State price to Box 742, Colonist.

WANTED—Underwood typewriter; must be in good condition. Box 856, Colonist.

WANTED—Furniture, stoves, ranges, etc., highest prices paid. Also a full line on sale. Call Kerr's, 1326 Government.

WANTED—Old brass, copper, lead, rubber, feathers, sacks, iron, etc. Also any kind second-hand goods. Canadian Junk Co., 529 Johnson Street. Phone 5052.

WANTED—Cabinet gramophone. Phone 1592L.

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WANTED—Old copper, brass, zinc, lead, bottles, sacks, rubber, etc. We buy and sell everything and anything. Phone 1339, City Junk Company, B. Aaronson, 565 Johnson Street. Residence phone 5066L.

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BY soldier and wife, two well-furnished warm rooms, with light cooking facilities; good locality necessary; Esquimalt preferred; references if required. Box 990, Colonist.

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AT October Mansion, unfurnished apartment to rent.

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WANTED TO RENT—HOUSES

WANTED—Four or five-roomed house; modern; Willows or Oak Bay district; state rent. Box 930, Colonist.

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LOST—A dog. Finder please return 1407 Store Street. Reward.

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LOST—Between P. O. and Campbell's drug store, pocketbook containing $14.85, some receipts, and stamps. Return to Mrs. Mullaly, 842 Arnold. Phone 5195L.

LOST—On Christmas Day, between Outer Wharf and Post Office, an Australian military badge pin. Design, rising sun. Finder, please return to Box 957, Colonist. Reward.

LOST—Thursday, Dec. 20, between city and Maywood P. O., Fitch muff. Reward. Phone 3220.

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LOST—A brooch, 1st Br. Columbia. Finder phone 423L. Reward.

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LOST—At Foul Bay, or Oak Bay Avenue, Saturday, brown leather bag, containing about $10, mostly silver; reward. Phone 4937.

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Margarine Too Costly

MONTREAL, Dec. 28. — Alleging that the price of oleomargarine, 37 cents, is too high, the City Council of Montreal this afternoon passed a resolution requesting Food Controller Hanna to fix the price on oleomargarine with the least possible delay.

LEGAL, OFFICIAL AND BUSINESS NOTICES

COMPANIES ACT

NOTICE is hereby given that Peter McQuade & Son, Limited, intends after the expiration of one month from the first publication of this notice, to apply to the registrar of joint stock companies for his approval of the changing of its name to "Ship Chandlers Limited, formerly known as Peter McQuade & Son, Limited."

Dated this 12th December, 1917.

F. R. SARGISON,
Secretary.

RE MUNICIPAL VOTERS' LIST FOR THE YEAR 1918.

The attention of those interested is hereby drawn to Section 9 of the Municipal Elections Act, Amendment Act, 1915, which provides that no application to the Police Magistrate, or a Judge, for an order to add to the Voters' List the name of any person alleged to have been improperly omitted therefrom shall be heard, or order made, after the 31st day of December, 1917.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
City Clerk.

City Clerk's Office, Victoria, B. C., December 21, 1917.

SYNOPSIS OF COAL MINING REGULATIONS

COAL mining rights of the Dominion in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, the Yukon Territory, the Northwest Territories and in a portion of the Province of British Columbia may be leased for a term of 21 years, renewal for a further term of 21 years at an annual rental of $1 an acre. Not more than 2,560 acres will be leased to one applicant.

Application for a lease must be made by the applicant in person to the Agent or Sub-Agent of the district in which the rights applied for are situated.

In surveyed territory the land must be described by sections, or legal subdivisions of sections, and in unsurveyed territory the tract applied for shall be staked out by the applicant himself.

Each application must be accompanied by a fee of $5, which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available, but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.

The person operating the mine shall furnish the Agent with sworn returns accounting for the full quantity of merchantable coal mined and pay the royalty thereon. If the coal mining rights are not being operated such returns should be furnished at least once a year.

The lease will include the coal mining rights only, rescinded by Chap. 27 of 4-5, George V., assented to 12th June, 1914.

For full information application should be made to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to any Agent or Sub-Agent of Dominion Lands.

W. W. CORY,
Deputy Minister of Interior.

N. B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.—83575.

NOTICE OF TENDERS

The Imperial Munitions Board, Wooden Shipbuilding Department, beg to give notice that they are calling for tenders, to be closed by Saturday, January 12, 1918, for the following:

Steam pipe and fittings for engine room and stokehold.

Manila rope, blocks, tackles, etc., for rigging.

Ship's hardware for joiner work.

New and second-hand machine tools and sundry equipment for assembly plant.

Tender forms and specifications may be had on applicaton at the board's offces: Belmont Building, Victoria, B. C.; Yorkshire Building, Vancouver, B. C.

Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., December 22, 1917.

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

APPOINT SECRETARY

Pte. E. Howard Named to Take Place of Mr. Douglas Campbell on Employment Committee

Pte. E. Howard, at present engaged in the adjutant's office at the Military Convalescent Hospital, Esquimalt, is the new secretary of the Returned Soldiers' Employment Committee. Announcement of his appointment was made yesterday.

Mr. Howard, who succeeds Mr. Douglas Campbell, who resigned about two weeks ago, will take up his new duties immediately, with offices in the Union Bank Building. The chairman of the Returned Soldiers' Employment Committee is now Alderman E. B. Andros, Col. the Hon. E. G. Prior having resigned a short time ago.

Candidate Nominated

WINNIPEG, Dec. 28.—Robert Jacob, barrister, last night was unanimously nominated as Union candidate for North Winnipeg to fill the vacancy in the Provincial Legislature caused by the resignation of R. A. Rigg, Labor, who contested this constituency in the recent Federal election and was defeated.

TIME OF SUNRISE AND SUNSET AT VICTORIA

(Pacific Standard Time for December, 1917)

	Sunrise	Sunset		Sunrise	Sunset
1	7:44	4:21	17	8:00	4:19
2	7:46	4:21	18	8:01	4:19
3	7:47	4:20	19	8:01	4:19
4	7:48	4:20	20	8:02	4:20
5	7:49	4:20	21	8:02	4:20
6	7:50	4:20	22	8:03	4:21
7	7:51	4:19	23	8:03	4:21
8	7:52	4:19	24	8:04	4:22
9	7:52	4:19	25	8:04	4:23
10	7:53	4:18	26	8:05	4:23
11	7:55	4:18	27	8:05	4:24
12	7:56	4:18	28	8:05	4:25
13	7:57	4:18	29	8:05	4:26
14	7:58	4:18	30	8:05	4:27
15	7:59	4:18	31	8:05	4:28
16	7:59	4:18			

The Observatory, Gonzales Heights.

TIDES AT VICTORIA

DECEMBER, 1917

Date.	Time. Ht.	Time. Ht.	Time. Ht.	Time. Ht.
2	9:15 8.7			23:23 1.7
3	9:26 8.8			
4	0:12 2.4	9:17 8.6		
5	0:49 3.3	9:21 8.6		
6	1:20 4.1	9:31 8.7		
7	1:44 4.9	9:48 8.8	18:53 5.0	
8		10:08 8.9	18:43 4.3	
9		10:29 9.0	18:40 3.6	
10		10:49 9.2	19:02 2.7	
11		11:07 9.4	19:32 2.0	
12		11:24 9.6	20:05 1.3	
13		11:42 9.8	20:41 0.7	
14		12:11 9.9	21:19 0.4	
15		12:52 9.8	21:59 0.4	
16		13:40 9.5	22:40 0.7	
17	8:08 8.4	10:30 8.3	14:32 9.0	23:23 1.8
18	7:42 8.4	12:04 7.7	15:28 8.5	
19	0:06 2.0	8:00 8.6	13:26 7.0	16:33 7.8
20	0:49 3.1	8:24 8.7	14:44 6.1	18:42 6.4
21	1:28 4.2	8:49 9.0	15:54 5.0	21:54 5.9
22	1:59 5.4	9:14 9.3	16:55 3.9	
23		9:40 9.6	17:47 2.8	
24		10:07 9.8	18:32 1.9	
25		10:36 10.0	19:12 1.2	
26		11:07 10.0	19:51 0.8	
27		11:40 9.9	20:29 0.7	
28		12:11 9.6	21:07 0.9	
29		12:39 9.2	21:46 1.3	
30	7:55 8.7	10:05 8.5	13:04 8.8	22:24 1.9
31	7:44 8.8			23:01 2.8

The time used is Pacific Standard for the 120th Meridian West. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for height serve to distinguish high water from low water. Where blanks occur in the table the tide rises or falls continuously during two successive tidal periods without turning. The height is in feet and tenths of a foot above the average level of lower low water.

THE TIME BALL

The time ball on the Belmont Building will be raised half-mast high at 12:45 p.m., to the top at 12:55 p.m., and will be dropped at 1 p.m. daily.

F. NAPIER DENISON,
Superintendent.

The Observatory,
Gonzales Heights.

FOUR I.M.B. VESSELS READY FOR LAUNCHING

Time for Placing Munitions Board Schooners in Water Will Soon Be Announced, Says Capt. Troup.

Although the War Songhee, launched from the yards of the Foundation Company on Thursday, was the first of the Imperial Munitions Board schooners building in British Columbia to hit the water, there are four vessels even further advanced in construction, and announcement of their launching dates will be made within the next few days, according to Capt. J. W. Troup, of the Munitions Board.

War Songhee Undamaged

Although, after sliding down the launching ways of the Foundation Company Thursday noon, the schooner War Songhee crashed clean through a boom of logs in the middle of the harbor and then collided with the vessel Lady Mine, no damage was sustained by the craft, and a survey of the hull will be unnecessary. A surveyor for Lloyds' made a rough inspection of the schooner yesterday and reported that the War Songhee had not even been scratched by the impact. The Lady Mine, which is owned by Mr. A. J. Bechtel, was slightly damaged.

Now that the first hull is out of the way, preparations are being rapidly executed for the laying of the fifth keel at the Foundation Company's yards.

Type of Engines

Until the Ogden Point assembling plant is completed, probably about February 1 the War Songhee will be moored alongside the Marine Department wharf near the Foundation Company yards and there will receive its superstructure. At the assembling plant it will have engines and machinery installed. The machinery equipment of all the twenty-seven schooners being built to the order of the Imperial Munitions Board will be the same. The engines will be of the triple-expansion type and surface condensing, developing 1,000 indicated horsepower. The boilers will be of the Howden watertube design, with three furnaces, with facilities for consuming either coal or oil.

CHANGE TIME FOR P.S.S. CO. SAILINGS

Steamer Queen Will Start New Schedule Next Thursday Afternoon at 5—Will Assist Traveling Public.

Announcement was made yesterday by the local agents, Messrs. William Allan and Fred O. Finn, that the schedule of sailings for Pacific Steamship Company boats has been changed, to be effective for an indefinite time.

Instead of leaving Victoria at 11 o'clock at night, the Pacific Steamship Company liners will call here at the more convenient time of 5 o'clock.

Effective With Queen

Beginning Thursday, January 3, with the steamer Queen, all the company's liners will leave here for the Southland at 5 in the afternoon every Thursday. The Admiral Watson, which leaves Seattle a day previous, will actually start the new schedule, but will make the passage from Puget Sound to the Golden Gate direct and will not call at this port.

It is believed that the new sailing time will meet with greater popularity with the travelling public than the former, and it will also make it easier for the passenger agents here to handle the tremendous business being offered just now. Passage for California now has to be booked days ahead, and reservations placed late have often to be refused.

MR. SANGSTER TO RUN FOR COUNCIL

Mr. George Sangster, for five years reeve of North Saanich, will likely run for the office of Alderman on the Victoria City Council, he admitted to The Colonist yesterday. Mr. Sangster of late years has been prominent as a political organizer. He had charge of the Porter mayoralty campaign last January, and was one of the chief managers of the recent campaign of Dr. Simon F. Tolmie, M. P., Unionist candidate, who won with such a tremendous majority.

Ex-Alderman R. J. Porter has not yet formally announced himself as a candidate for the aldermanic board. He was on the Mainland yesterday, but his friends assured a reporter that he would be running without fail when the time comes.

Mr. John Harvey was the first to formally announce himself as an aldermanic candidate.

Mr. John Day, according to information from certain quarters, is also to be a candidate.

As yet no one has announced himself as a candidate for the police commission.

MR. FINDLAY DENIES "STOOL-PIGEON" STORY

Commissioner W. C. Findlay denies that he has endeavored to employ returned soldiers as "stool-pigeons," as was stated by a member of the Great War Veterans at the meeting held last Saturday.

The following letter from the Commissioner regarding the matter has been received by President Duggan:

"My attention has been called to a report in Sunday morning's issue of The Daily Colonist, of a meeting of your organization held on Saturday evening last.

"In the report to which I refer I note that it was intimated by members of your body that I had endeavored to obtain the services of some of your members to act on my behalf in the detection of illicit sales of liquor. There is also the information in the same report that the subject matter is to be referred to the investigation committee before your Association decides on a course of action.

"In reply to the foregoing veiled accusation, permit me to inform you that the "information" so brought before your honorable body possesses not the slightest vestige of truth. Furthermore, my duties in connection with the public office assigned to me by the Government of this Province do not require the application of methods such as the report of your discussion on Saturday last would lead the general public to suppose.

"The proper machinery for the enforcement of the British Columbia Prohibition Act is in existence, and you will agree with me that statements as above reported are neither intelligent nor in accordance with fact.

"The matter has only just been brought to my notice and I am losing no time in disabusing you of the misapprehension under which some of your members are apparently laboring."

At the time the charge was made, the whole matter was referred to the investigation committee for inquiries, and no report from that body is expected until the next business meeting of the Association.

WIRELESS REPORT
(By Government Wireless)

6 p.m.

Point Grey—Foggy; rain; calm; 29.86; 38; sea smooth. At 4:30 p. m. spoke Princess Ena, passing out, southbound.

Cape Lazo—Rain; calm; 29.78; 37; sea smooth.

Pachena—Rain; S. E., strong; 29.70; 50; sea rough.

Estevan—Rain; S. E., strong; 29.45; 46; sea rough.

Alert Bay—Rain; cloudy; calm; 29.39; 35; sea rough. At 5:30 p. m. spoke Prince Albert off Adams River, southbound.

Triangle Island—Rain; cloudy; calm; 29.58; 48; sea rough.

Dead Tree Point—Rain; S. E., fresh; 29.43; 35; sea moderate.

Ikeda—Rain; S. E. gale; 28.84; 45; sea rough.

Prince Rupert—Rain; N. W., light; 29.30; 36; sea smooth.

ANNUAL MEETING OF TEACHERS ON JAN. 3

VANCOUVER, Dec. 28.—The annual meeting of the B. C. Federation of Teachers will be held in this city on January 3. This is a province-wide association, organized a year ago, for the purpose of assisting in betterment of educational conditions and for benefits for teachers. The organization is already strong, some fifty or sixty delegates, representing a large body of public school teachers, being expected to be present. More than half of the delegates will be from outside Vancouver. The election of officers for 1918 will also take place at the convention.

Australian Vote on Conscription

OTTAWA, Dec. 28.—A Melbourne dispatch to the Ottawa agency of Reuter's Limited, giving the latest figures on the recent conscription referendum show that 889,000 votes were cast for the proposal and 1,072,000 against it. The Australian soldiers' vote shows 23,000 for and 32,000 against conscription.

Bank Robbers Guilty

MONTREAL, Dec. 28.—Paul Serrati, Joseph Lebreque, A. Julien and Alfred La Berge, who, it was alleged, robbed the teller of the Bank of Hochelaga of about $10,000 last Spring at the Vinet Terrace branch of the bank, pleaded guilty yesterday before Judge St. Cyr. They will be sentenced this week.

Vernon Farmers' Institute

VERNON, B.C., Dec. 28.—At the annual meeting of the Farmers' Institute the report of the president and directors showed encouraging results for the past year. Despite the shortage of labor, the area under cultivation was larger than ever before. B. M. Richards was re-elected President and J. R. Brown secretary.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE

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Helpful Suggestions for Practical New Year Gifts

A Big Variety of Cloth and Silk Dresses Suitable for Street, Party and Dressy Occasion Wear



—in our Mantle Department, on first floor, we show a wonderful assortment of new dainty Dresses, so suitable for New Year party wear; also serviceable models for street or dressy afternoon wear. They are one-piece models, beautifully made and finished in the season's latest styles. Some are prettily trimmed with silks, braids and embroiderd work.

Come in and look the assortment over—if interested in a new Dress of any description.

Silk Dresses selling from $15.00 to $65.00.

Cloth Dresses selling from $12.50 to $35.00.

—Mantles, First Floor

A Clean-Up of Boys' All-Wool Tweed Suits at $5.00



—Suits that were formerly selling at prices as high as $13.50, and we cannot buy such good quality materials today at any price.

Only a limited quantity and the sizes are 9, 10, 11 and 12 years.

If there's a suit here to fit your boy, you are assured of getting the finest Suit bargain he has ever had.

Come early or you may be disappointed. While the assortment lasts—

$5.00 a Suit

—Boys' Clothing, Main Floor

Girls' Sweaters and Separate Wool Caps

—Most serviceable garments for Winter wear, and ideal for school and sports wear. They make a practical gift for the New Year. Details are:

Children's All-Wool Sweater Coats, in shades rose, saxe, navy, green, olive green, maroon, scarlet and white. Sizes 2 to 6 years. Each, $2.75 and $2.90.

Brushed Wool Sweater Coats, finished with large collars and belts. In shades rose with white and scarlet with white. Sizes 6 to 8 years only. Each, $3.50.

Heavier quality Brushed Wool Sweaters, in shades old rose, brown and maize. Finished with large collars and belts. Sizes 6 to 12 years. Each, $8.75.

Separate Wool Caps, in shades blue, pink, green, navy, saxe, rose and white. Each, $1.00.

—Children's, First Floor



Thomson's Glove Fitting Corsets $1.25

—A well-made model of heavy coutil, in a fashionable style with low bust and long, free hips; double-boned and four hose-supporters. A quality and make we can recommend for a low-priced garment. Exceptional value.

—Corsets, First Floor

Ladies' Gloves for New Year Gifts

Cape Skin Gloves, 1 dome, tans only, all sizes; a pair, $1.50.

Glace Kid Gloves, in black and white, also white with black points; a pair, $1.50.

Real Chamois Gloves, in natural and white; a pair, $1.50.

Cape Skin Gloves, in tans only, 1 dome; a pair, $1.75.

Glace Kid Gloves, in tans, browns, black and white; also white with black points; a pair, $1.75.

Cape Skin Washable Gloves, in tans, white and putty; a pair, $1.90.

Dent's Chamois Gloves; selected skins and very fine values; in white, and white with black points; a pair, $1.90.

Dent's and Perrin's Gloves, Glace Kid, in black, white, brown, tan, grey; also black with white points, and white with black points; a pair, $2.00.

Dent's Cape Skin Gloves, in tan only; 1 and 2 dome; a pair, $1.90.

Fleece-Lined Mocha Gloves, misses' size; a pair, $1.50.

Cape Skin Fleece-Lined Gloves, 1 dome, and tans only; a pair, $1.50.

Mocha Fleece-Lined Gloves; greys and browns; a pair, $2.00.

Mocha Fleece-Lined Gloves, in greys and browns; fur wrist; a pair, $2.50 and $2.75.

Misses' Glace and Cape Skin Gloves; a pair, $1.35.

Woollen Gloves, seamless knit, in grey, brown, tan, navy, white and black; a pair, 85c.

Woollen Gloves, in all whades; a pair, 50c.

Children's Woollen Gloves, in all colors; a pair, 35c and 40c.

Women's Cape Skin Gloves, with strap wrist; extra quality; a pair, $3.50.

Women's Chamois Gloves, strap wrist, in white and natural; a pair, $2.75.

—Gloves, Main Floor

Men's Better Grade Gloves

That Will Make Most Welcome New Year Gifts

Dent's Tan Kid Gloves, wool lined, suitable for street or driving wear. A pair, $3.25.

Dent's Tan Kid and Tan Mocha Gloves, wool lined; finished with strap at wrist. A pair, $3.75.

Fur-Lined Mocha Gloves, very warm, and a superior grade. A pair, $6.25.

Men's Heather and Grey Woolen Gloves, all sizes. A pair, 75c.

—Men's Furnishings, Main Floor

Men's Print Negligee Shirts, $1.00

Most serviceable Shirts of white cotton, finished with fancy stripe pleat and cuffs. Cut in coat shape, full size in body, and your choice from double soft or starched cuffs. All sizes. Very special value at $1.00.

—Men's Furnishings, Main Floor

A Scotch Wool Traveling Rug

makes an ideal gift for the person who travels much; also for the motorist. We have a splendid selection of real Scotch Wool Rugs here, in good plaid designs, made full size and finished with fringed ends. Splendid values at $8.50 and $9.75.

—Furnishings, Main Floor

6 x 9 Stencilled Jap Rugs

In a good variety of colors and designs. Special value at—

$2.75

—Carpets, Third Floor

36-Inch Messaline Silks, $1.50 a Yard

—Excellent for blouses, separate skirts and dresses—a rich quality French-made Silk, finished with the handsome appearance of duchess satin and the wearing qualities of pailette.

The colors are steel grey, reseda, moss green, light navy, dark navy, old rose, sky, baby blue, pink, cardinal, Copenhagen, brown and black.

36-Inch Black Duchess Satin—rich quality, fine grade, with a nice lustrous sheen. Regular $2.75 grade for $2.00 a yard.

—Silks, Main Floor

Table and Fancy Linens Make Practical Gifts for the New Year



The following are but a few of the many lines we are offering at most reasonable prices. The grades and patterns are all that you can desire. Buying linens at the following prices means a good investment these days.

Fancy Linens, including Runners, Sideboard Scarves, Duchess Sets, Centrepieces and Embroidered Pillow Cases. Useful and dainty for gifts. Priced, each, 5c, 10c, 15c, 25c, 35c, 45c, 50c, 60c, 75c, 85c, $1.00 and $1.25.

Hemstitched Damask Tablecloths, suitable for breakfast and afternoon tea cloths. A very good quality fine linen damask. Size 30 x 30. Regular $1.25 value for 75c. Size 36 x 36. Regular $1.75 value for $1.25.

We have a good stock of better grade Table Linens, some of the finest Irish weaves in the double damask patterns, qualities impossible to buy at the present time. Size 2 x 2 yards. Regular $7.50 to $10.50. Sale, $5.00 to $7.00.

Size 2 x 2½ yards. Regular $7.50 to $13.50. Sale, $5.00 to $9.50.

Size 2½ x 2½ yards. Regular $15.00 to $27.50. Sale, $10.75 to $22.50.

Damask Tablecloths and Napkins, best quality, all linen. Prices, a set, $8.50 to $18.50.

Better quality Table Napkins, at mill prices. Good damask designs, and in sizes 24 x 24 to 27 x 27. Priced according to quality, a dozen, $4.50 to $9.50.

Linen Guest Towels, at prices charged three years ago for the same quality, 16 x 25, each, 50c; 18 x 30, each, 75c.

Handkerchief and Embroidery Linens, 36 to 45 inches wide, priced, a yard, 65c to $2.50.

—Linens, Main Floor

New Ribbons

Taffeta Ribbons, 4 in. wide, in shades sky, champagne, yellow, red, mauve, paddy, myrtle, cream, white and black, a yard, 15c.

5 in. wide, a yard, 25c.

New Dresden Ribbons. Selling, a yard, 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c and $1.00.

New Reversible Ribbons, for hat bands, a yard, 50c.

Wide Striped Ribbons, a yard, 50c.

Black Corded Ribbons, in all widths, a yard, 15c to 75c.

—Selling Main Floor

Boot Values for Boys Worth Considering



Good reliable footwear for boys, and just what they need for the wet, dirty season. Compare these values:

Boys' Box Calf Bluchers, broad toe last, a medium weight boot that will give lots of wear. Sizes 11 to 2, a pair, $2.95. Sizes 2½ to 5½, a pair, $3.45.

Boys' Velour Calf Blucher, on narrower toe last than above. A stylish boot for best wear, with the same solid leather soles and heels. Sizes 11 to 2, a pair, $2.95. Sizes 2½ to 5½, a pair, $3.45.

—Selling Main Floor

Penman's Cashmere Hose for Women

Quality Hose that needs no recommendation — the name alone is sufficient guarantee as to the value represented. Every pair a perfect knit, full fashioned, with extra splicings just where the wear most requires it. A pair, 50c, 75c, 85c, $1.00. English Wool Hose, 1 in 1 and 2 in 1 ribbed. Prices according to size, a pair, 35c to $1.25.

—Hose, Main Floor

200 Sets of Table Mats at 25c a Set

Three different size Mats to each set. They enable you to preserve your polished table tops.

200 sets only, and we offer them at less than today's wholesale cost.

—Drapery, Third Floor

Novelty Bags and Purses in a Wide Variety of New Shapes



Choosing a new Novelty Bag or Purse is made easy here, for there is such a wide variety of new shapes and leathers to choose from. An almost endless variety of shapes, and most are smartly fitted inside with extra change purse or mirror, and handsomely lined with silk.

These Bags are displayed in the department on main floor. Come in and look them over—you will solve many of your gift problems here.

Prices Range 50c to $17.50

Children's Bags and Purses

Colored Suede Bags, grey, brown and black, with chain. Very special at 25c. Larger sizes, each, 50c.

Patent Leather, in black or red, fitted with change purse. Each, 50c and 75c.

Small Leather Handbag, similar to the Ladies' Bags. Very special at $1.00.

—Selling Main Floor

Pure Angora Wool Brushed Scarves

—in plain shades of rose, gold and white, also combination shades of coral with white and Copenhagen with white. Finished in the full length—72 x 12 inches, with knotted fringed ends. Each, $2.00 and $2.50.

—Waists, First Floor

A Smart Boot With White Neolin Soles for Women

A very smart Boot and a most serviceable quality. Splendid for Fall and Winter wear. Made of dark brown calf and black calf, in lace style and finished with the fashionable white neolin sole and rubber heel. Splendid value at, a pair, $7.50.

—Shoes, First Floor

Serviceable Waists of White Jap Silk, $2.50 to $5.75

Semi-Tailored Waist, with large collar and fastening with crochet buttons. Splendid value at $2.50.

Another model has neat vestee effect, yoke and collar hemstitched, while another model has a large square collar with revers, trimmed with big pearl buttons. Interesting value at $2.50.

Semi-Tailored Waist of a nice heavy quality Jap silk. Superior value at $3.50.

White Jap Silk Waist, in semi-tailored style, fastening with three large pearl buttons. Price, each, $4.50.

A handsome model has convertible collar and turnback sleeve cuffs. Splendid value at $5.75.

—Selling First Floor

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